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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half-Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	200	all	10 pr. ct.	1,454
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,390
sak of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,370
Commercial & Ld. Mge	{10,000 / 15,000}	100	{100 / 75}	that. all 10 p.c.	171
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	£10	all	5 pr. ct.	20
Charter Bank	40,000	£20	£20	7 pr. ct.	£27
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor. pration	80,000	$125	al	61-5s.	£44 to 45
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	5 pr. ct.	300

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly	
Alliance	1,500	1,000	all	35	665
Anglo-Indian	1,345	100	100	Nil	70
Arungabai S & M. Co., Ld	600	1,000	1,000	..	1,000
Bellary S & W Co. Ld (Bellary)	871	90	all	9 per ct.	
Bombay Union	900	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	950
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	900	500	500	dvdRs.25	635
Bombay National Manfg. Co. Ld	500	1,000	1,000	...	730
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	650
Central India	1,000	500	500	dvdRs.50	1,810
China Mills Co. Ld	880	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	965
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	1,135
Coimbatore S and W	1,000	100	100	...	110
Connaught Mills	800	500	500	25	800
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	dvdRs12	680
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	745
Currimbhoy Mill	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,135
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvdRs.25	645
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	...	425
Empress	2,100	500	500	dvd 25	665
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.30	670
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	30	775
Hinguphat w Mills	700	500	500	40	690
Howard and Bullough	1,500	500	500	25	780
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	50	650
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	40	1,625
Imperial Cotton	900	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.15	570
Indian Manfg.	900	1,000	1,000	50	1,310
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.30	725
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	25	770
Jamsetjee Ali	4,000	500	500	dvdRs.20	225
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,500	250	250	dvdRs.10	260
Jeevraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,130
Jubilee Mill Co., Ld	800	1,000	1,000	20	450
Khandesh	750	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs30	830xd
Khanderum Manfg. Co	400	250	250	Nil	900
Khatao Maconjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs35	880
Leopold	2,500	100	100	dvdRs.10	285
Lord Reay Mfg	440	1,000	1,000	30	925
LukmsidasSpinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,255
Madras United	350	1,000	1,000	dvRs.120	3,400xd
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	N	580
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	5,400	500	500	15 pr ct	
Manockjee M Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dv Rs100	2,820
Managon	6,000	250	250	dvd Rs 6	175
Morarji Gokuldas	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs75	2,400
Mysore S & M Co Ld	4,000	{250 / 50}	{250 / 50}	dvd 4½	...
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	par
National	900	1,000	1,000	Nil	620
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs 20	625
Oriental	5,795	625	625	dvdRs20	490
Presidency Mills Co (Ld)	748	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	1,425
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.40	945
Ripon Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	1,190
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs80	1,310
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	1,770
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	dvdRs40	965
Southern India	1,000	500	500	15	170
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	dvRs 12½	397½
Sun Mills, Ld	1,300	250	250	dvRs 12½	335
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs50	515
Swadeshi Mills	475	500	500	dvd Rs20	745
Sassoon and Alliance	900	90	500	dvdRs30	715xd
Union Spinning					
Land Manufacturing Co	900	1,000	1,000		480xd
ulon Mills Ld	90	1,000	1,000		325
Venkateshunker Mill Co, Ld	900	500	900	dvdRs40	410xd
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	450
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	35	530
Wadia Mills	1,100	1,000	1,000	...	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

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G.I.P.R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	all	5 p. c.
B. B. & C. I. R.	...	£ 18	...	o.

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	75	1,150
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all	15 pr. ct.	45
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs 80	1,160
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	180
Bhownugger City Press & Manfg Co, Ld	550	250	250	25	275
Bombay Cotton	1,000	125	125	dv Rs12½	185
Breul's Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	500	200	200	14	192½
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	12	230
Colaba	500	1,380	1,380	dvdRs15	330
East India	350	1,000	1,000	75	1,370
English Press and Manfg	400	200	...	dvd Rs 8	1183
Fort	150	8,500	500	25+80	1,150
French	300	500	500	dvdRs30	580
Harvey and Sabapathy	450	450	500	dvdRs40	380
Hingoli Co., Ld	700	100	100	dvd Rs11	165
Khangaum	240	450	450	Rs40	525
Mahuva Press Co., Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	275
Mahadmapura Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld	300	500	500	53	95
Mercantile	1,000	125	125	dvd Rs 4	95
Mofussil Co	3,125	400	400	Nil	395
Munmar M	1,000	250	all	15	225
New Berar	1,200	500	500	dvd Rs30	585
New Indian	4,000	125	125	dvd Rs 9	180
Prince of Wales	100	500	500	25	520
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	75	20	380
Sassoon	300	500	500	20	585
Sind and Punjab Co	100	1,000	1,000	200	2,250
Sind	400	2,000	750	50	540
Sorab Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	Nil	70
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	370	200	all	16	210
Volkart	...	1,000	10	dvd Rs65	1,300

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	15	390
Beck Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	40
Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	12	164
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	300	6,050
Do. New Issue	500	375	625	75	1,550
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	dvd 3	74
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld	400	500	500	5 pr. ct.	500
Bombay Flour Mill	720	500	500	50	1,550
Deccan Jute Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr. ct.	550
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,500	200	200	12	255
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld	2,800	250	250	8 pr. ct.	340
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	17½
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	10	10 pr. ct.	140
Kemp & Co	4,000	200	175	21	375
Kurrachee Landing	600	500	300	30	200
Maharanee Ice Manufacturing Co	8,500	100	100	Nil	...
Marcks & Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	180
Napier HotelCo	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	40
NapierFoundry	1,000	100	900	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	50	10 pr. ct.	161
Phillips & Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	...	106
Port Canning Co	6,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs22	520
Soundy & Co	1,000	100	100	9	50
Treacher & Co	2,000	500	25	65	1,070xd
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100	100	...	130
Telephone Co.	9,300	25	100	dvdRs1	30

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Three-and-a-half per cent Reduced	110-2
Three-and-a-half per cent 1903	109-1
Municipal 3 percent. Debenture Loans	nom
New French Loan 5 per cent. 1872	nom
City of Paris Loan	nom
Four per cent. Port Trust Bond	103-8-0

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Y. M. C. A., Apollo Bunder, Gospel Address to young men by Rev. W. G. Peel, 8-30 p.m.

Byculla Juvenile Operatic Co., Connaught Club, Clare Road, 8-30 p.m.

Music at the Esplanade Bandstand, 5-45 p.m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The R. I. M. S. Canning entered the dock on Wednesday, and the steamers Alphee and Phœnix yesterday; the steamers Earnest Simons and Muttra left it on Wednesday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Pekin entered the dock on Wednesday.

POLO.—There will be a game, this afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.—The Bombay Small Causes Court opens to-day after the summer vacation.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for the Suakin Field Force, per extra s. s. Canning, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 2 p.m., to-morrow (Saturday). —Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Seychelles, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Beira, Inhambane, Delagoa Bay, Natal, and Cape Colony, per extra s. s. Scindia, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 2 p.m., to-morrow (Saturday).

VELIBAI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—At this dispensary, established in Panchwati, Nassik, the number of patients treated during the month of May last was 4,913, among whom 2,762 were males, 1,007 females, and 1,144 children. One hundred and twenty-nine cases of surgical operations and of extracting teeth were performed during the month.

THE WEATHER AT SEA.—The s. s. Matin, Commander J. Archer, which came in, yesterday, from Cardiff, reports having experienced fine weather except in parallel of 39° S strong S.-S. W. winds. The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Nevasa,, Commander A. S. Houstoun, which arrived in harbour, on Wednesday, from Calcutta, met with fair to moderate winds.

BURGLARY AT DOCTOR STREET.—Abdullabhoy Moola Shumsoodin, a merchant residing at Doctor Street, has reported to the police that one of the rooms in his house, which was formerly occupied by his uncle, but which is at present vacant, was broken into some time between Tuesday midnight and the following morning, by wrenching the lock off the door, and ornaments, of the collective value of Rs. 140, were stolen from a box, which was also forced open.

ARRIVAL OF A NAWAB.—Nawab Sultan Navaz Jung Shamshir-ul-Mulk Bahadur, of Hyderabad (Deccan), accompanied by fifty followers, carrying fifty rifles, fifty swords., fifty daggers, ten pistols, and twelve lances, arrived in Bombay on Wednesday morning and alighted at the Victoria Terminus, whence he drove to a bungalow in Mirza Ali Street, Imambara Road, where he found remaining for a short time before leaving for Mecca.

HE WANTED A CORRECT TRANSLATION.—Before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, Merwanji Adarji Dubash filed an application and obtained summons against James Burke, a fireman on board the s. s. Ormidale. Complainant said that yesterday he went on board the vessel to take delivery of cargo, when the accused came up and asked him what he called a safety pin in vernacular? Complainant replied they used the same word in their language. Thereupon he was enraged and abused and assaulted the complainant.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme at the Esplanade Bandstand, this evening, at 5-45 (weather permitting):—

March	Royal St. Marceaux ..... Desormes.
Scena and Aria	I Masnadier ..... Verdi.
Selection	Gentleman Joe ..... Slaughter.
Song	Mona ..... Stephen Adams.
Grand Selection	Gerusalemme ..... Verdi.
Valse	Hofball-Tanze ..... Fetras.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

ALLEGED POISONING.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, resumed the hearing of the case in which Guyaprasad Jamnadas stood charged at the instance of Superintendent Grennan with causing the death of Muruldhar Ramprasad by administering a quantity of sulphuric acid to him, in May last, under circumstances already reported in these columns. The case for the prosecution having been terminated, his Worship formally committed the accused to take his trial at the ensuing Sessions of the High Court.

THROWING STONES.—Inspector Jolliffe, yesterday, charged Raoji Babaji, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, with causing hurt to Ramlal Govind, a Marwari boy, by means of a [illegible] going along Imbarapoo Lane, when accused happened to push against him. The boy abused him, and accused thereupon picked up a stone and threw it at him, inflicting a wound under the left eye. Accused pleaded he had no intention to hurt the boy, but was fined Rs. 5, or in default was ordered to suffer rigorous imprisonment for ten days.

A DRUNKEN VISITOR.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, William Barker, an Eurasian, and a resident of Khandwa, was charged with being drunk and incapable on Wednesday last. Accused stated he had only that day come here from Khandwa, and after having visited some friends, got into a ghurry, telling the driver to take him to Byculla Railway station, but instead of doing so, he took him to Dhobie Talao police station, where he was taken into custody. He was now penniless. His Worship fined him Rupees two.

JUVENILE THIEF.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Constable Hobson charged Dhuna Vira, a Hindu lad, aged fifteen, before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, with stealing a silver neck ornament, of the value of Rs. 15, from the person of Heera, a Bhungee woman, residing at Ardeshir Dady Street. About 2 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, accused entered the room of the prosecutrix, and attempted to remove a silver neck ornament from her person, but before the lad could unfasten the hook of the ornament, the woman awoke, and seeing the accused raised an alarm. He was arrested and handed over in police custody. His Worship sentenced him to receive ten stripes.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY ON THE SPOT.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slaer, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Superintendent Grennan prosecuted Shiva Bhagu, a labour-cart driver, who stood charged at the instance of Constable O'Kieff, with driving in a rash and negligent manner, and thereby causing the death of Bhagubai, a Hindu girl, on the 21st ultimo, under circumstances reported in a previous issue. Mr. Velinker defended the accused. The coroner had held an enquiry, and the jury having returned a verdict of accidental death, accused was acquitted, and the police charged him before the magistrate. Some evidence having been recorded, the case was remanded to Saturday, when the magistrate will go to the scene of accident.

THE CHARGE OF ROBBING MESSRS. TREACHER.—Mr. Davies, manager of the Fort establishment of Messrs. Treacher and Company, appeared before Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, and asked the court's permission to withdraw the warrant, issued by him forc heating against Gomes, one of the assistants in the firm's establishment, under circumstances mentioned in these columns. Mr. Davies said that Shanker, the Hindu assistant, who was convicted of theft of Rs. 9-14 the previous day and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment, was the principal witness in the case against Gomes. The fact that the man was convicted of theft and sent to jail, considerably weakened the case for the prosecution, and therefore he would withdraw the warrant. The permission was granted.

THE CONGESTED TRAFFIC NEAR VICTORIA TERMINUS.—Before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Peera Mijaj, a victoria driver, was charged at the instance of Constable Choke with driving his conveyance on the wrong side of the road. The accused admitted having infringed the police regulation at Bori Bunder on Wednesday. A Tramway servant was watering a horse in the middle of the road, when accused drove up from the wrong side and knocked down the zinc bucket, which was flattened into a plate, and damage was done to the extent of six annas. The magistrate fined accused one rupee, and remarked that there was enough traffic in the streets with tram cars without having the roads obstructed by persons with buckets of water. If such persons chose to water horses in the middle of the road, they must take the chance of the damage that might be done to them.

JAMNADAS JIVANDAS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY, POREBUNDER.—During the month of May last the number of patients treated in this dispensary was 3,959, among whom the number of new admissions was 961, classified as below:—

Castes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Hindus	250	154	392	796
Mussalman	35	25	96	156
Parsi	4	...	5	9
Other Castes	...	...	...	...
Total	289	179	493	961

The average daily attendance was 105.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT MIDNIGHT.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Abdul Rahiman Mahomed Hoossein, a Customs clearing agent, and Haji Jooma Tyab, a dealer in chinaware, again surrendered to their bail bond before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, on a charge of having, on the night of the 1st ultimo, caused hurt to Boder, a Punjabee, while returning home from the Grant Road Theatre. The facts of the case have already been reported. Mr. Sorabji Kapadia, pleader, appeared for complainant, and Mr. F. S. Taleyarkhan defended. The evidence adduced on behalf of the defence went to show that on the night in question, when the alleged assault was said to have been committed, the first accused was engaged in attending the funeral ceremony of his near relative, while the other accused, after closing his shop, went home and never stirred out of the house during that night. The magistrate on this evidence discharged both the accused.

BHOWNAGAR NEWS.—Our correspondent, writing on Tuesday, says:—On the 29th ultimo, a man committed suicide by throwing himself under the mixed train as it was approaching Rajkote. He was taken to West Hospital, where he died an hour after. Evidence of the deceased's relations went to show that he had been in an unsound state of mind since the death of his wife.—The mail mixed train running in connection with the mail train leaving Wadhwan on 14-25 will be discontinued from the 1st of July, when passengers bound for Junagadh and Dhoraja will have to stay at Dhola the whole night as before.—Trains will now run over the Oojet bridge, which has just been completed. The bridge is well built, above the flood level, and from its substantial construction seems to be well suited to withstand periodical floods in the Oojet river.—On the 30th ultimo clouds occasionally obscuring the sun settled over Kathiawar, and at about 2 p.m. a heavy shower of rain fell at Wadhwan; though for a short time, it was sufficient to lay down dust.—Last night, at about 9 p.m., we had a good shower of rain at Veraval, while this morning, there was a smart rain at Chorwad. News has been received here of showers having fallen in other villages, such as, Dhola, Jalia, Botad, Ranpur, and Chuda.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR OF AN EARLY VISITOR.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Sokar Mannji, Veeraji Sellibe, and Tookaram Chimaji were charged at the instance of Inspector Montague with theft of Rs. 51 in cash and wearing apparel, of the value of Rs. 3, the property of Ramahwar Agulda, a Purdasee, residing at Chinch Bunder Road. About half-past 3 o'clock, on the morning of the 31st ultimo, the complainant heard a cry of thief, and on going on to the second loft of the stable, saw his servant, Bhoola Nandkoo, struggling with the first accused. The complainant, with the assistance of his servant and neighbours, secured No. 1, who then acted in a strange manner by throwing himself down on the ground and refusing to speak. He acted in a similar manner while under police custody, and refused to take any food. Consequently, he was taken to the J. J. Hospital, where on examination he was found to be all right. The police upon an inquiry discovered a large nail lying on the loft with which three wooden boxes seemed to have been forced open, but before the thieves could carry away the property, they were detected, and one of them was arrested on the spot. The others made good their escape, but were subsequently arrested by the police in their houses at Kamatipoora. The magistrate convicted all the accused, and sentenced them to four months' rigorous imprisonment each.

DAILY IMPORTS.—JUNE 4.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Clan Macalister s—2 cases whisky, 1 cask gin, and 1 cask brandy, Cotton Tingcombe and Co.

Persia s—9 cases plate glass, Hussonally Mahomedally; 7 bales printing paper, G Claridge and Co.

FROM GLASGOW.

Clan Macalister s—3 hogsheads whisky, Phipson and Co.

Persia s—220 cases ale, Robinson Morrison and Co; 50 cases whisky, Dalbhoy Dadabhoy; 25 cases whisky, Eduljee Bezonjee; 25 cases whisky, Dhunjibhoy Cowasjee.

FROM LONDON.

Carthage s—20 cases provisions, &c, Luckmidas Dewjee.

Shannon s—5 cases chemicals, Chugan Odhowjee; 29 cases provision, medicine, etc., Dajibhoy Dadabhoy; 14 cases tobacco, Curimbhoy Julaibhoy and Co; 88 cases oilmen's stores, Dhunjibhoy Cowasjee; 9 cases tobacco, Ruttonjee Byramjee.

Mogal s—5 cases sago, Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee.

Ras Rowa s—7 cases medicine, &c, Hurjee Mooljee and Co.

FROM HULL.

Dido s—518 barrels vacuum axle and Cylinder oils, Vacuum Oil Company.

FROM ANTWERP.

Bangalore s—26 cases writing paper, K A Hoosein; 25 cases slate pencils, Gopaldas Vundravan.

Benares s—7 cases plate glass, Tyebally Ebramjee.

FROM TRIESTE.

Boscidon s—5 packages papers, etc., D Macropolo; 5 cases beer, W Kipp; 37 bales writing papers, Mahomedally Essajee; 89 packages paper, K A Hoosein; 23 cases paper, other sorts, Ebrahim Mahomedally.

FROM VENICE.

Ganges s—13 cases glassbeads, Abdool Hoosein Noorbhoy.

FROM HAMBURG.

Benares s—2 hogsheads brandy, Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee.

Raventhaler s—1 cask rectified spirit, Jamsetjee and Co.

Stolzenfels s—12 bales printing paper, C Abdool Rehman Brothers; 9 cases medicine, Wagjee Norotamdas and Co.

FROM [illegible]

FROM BOLOGNE.

Shannon s—60 cases champagne, Phipson and Co.

FROM CHARENTE.

Shannon s—50 cases brandy, Souza and Fernandes.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JUNE 4.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Stanley Hall s—110 bales wool, Luckmidas Shamjee; 125 bales wool, Dyall Khimjee; 117 bales wool, Coorsee Kessawjee; 4 bales silk-waste, Laloobhoy Nanabhoy; 20 cases conditements, M Poonjiajee and Sons; 53 bales wool, Cooverjee Vussonjee; 135 bales wool, D Khimjee; 154 bales wool, B Balkissondas.

Persia s—42 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 26 bales goat hairs, and 23 bales wool, D Khimjee and Co; 250 bales wool and 40 bales rags, Gocouldas Toolsidas; 250 cwts coir yarn, Purmanand Govindjee.

FOR GLASGOW.

Persia s—25 cases condiments, M Poonjiajee and Sons.

FOR LONDON.

Den of Airlie s—20 bales hides, Jamcharjee Shapurjee and Co; 225 cwt oilbanum, A Chaglanee and Co; 22 cwt mace, Ritchie Stewart and Co; 135 cwt turmeric, Nursey Veerjee; 65 cwt deer horns, and 20 cwt buffalo horns, Jan Mahomed Rahimtoola; 50 cwt buffalo horns, A Canjee; 62 cwt cow yarns, Luckmichund Manockchund; 62 cwt yarn, Lalbha Premjee.

Kurdistan s—110 cwt oilbanum, Abdoola Moman; 43 cwt deer horns, Muncherjee Shapoorjee and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Dunbeth s—110 bales cotton, Lyon and Co.

Maria Valerie s—1 cwt myrabollams, Toeffen and Co.

FOR HULL.

Dido s—1000 cwt myrabolams, Jaitha Premjee.

FOR HAVRE.

Port Elliot s—77 cwt gum, 4 bales cotton fly, and 100 cwt khus khus roots, Eugent Meiffre.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Persia s—6027 cwt linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HAMBURG.

Samoa s—100 bales cotton-fly, Luckmidas Fakir; 1500 cwt myrabollams, Toeffen and Co; 220 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers; 2001 cwt poppyseed, Sardar and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Phoenix s—490 cwt crushed bones, Theodor von Wernich; 2000 cwt poppyseed, Owen and Okell; 4000 cwt rapeseed, A Blascheck and Co.

Iran s—100 bales cotton, Walter Thacker and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Maria Valerie s—400 cwt Myrabellams, Arjoon Khimjee.

Dunbeth s—1000 cwt linseed, Volkart Brothrs.

FOR GENOA.

Den of Airlie s—100 bales cotton, A Blascheck & Co.

FOR GHENT.

Samoa s—100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR ODESSA.

Maria Valerie s—500 cwt gingely seed, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Osborne s—4 cases peacock feathers, 7 cwt gum, 66½ cwt cloves, Mahomedally Dawoodbhoy,, 9 chests opiums, K. Kastoormal.

Letimbro s—235 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co; 76¾ cwt shark fins N, Cassombhoy and Co; 13¾ cwt shark fins. Datoobhoy Dosea.

Pekin s—100 bales twist, E Noordinses; 100 bales twist, C. Macdonald and Co; 175 bales twist Silas E. Sassoon; 50 bales twist, E. D. Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Pekin s—58 bales twist, Killick Nixon and Co; 100 bales twist, Alliance Cotton Manufacturing Company; 150 bales twist, E Noordin and Co; 200 bales twist, N Vulubdhas 500 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co; 50 bales twist, Dinshaw D Currance and Co; 300 bales twist, Cursatjee Bomonjee and Co; 100 bales twist, Framjee Sons and Co; 25 bales twist, Sassoon David and Co; 150 bales twist, Dinshaw D Currance and Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Bancoora s—101 bales cotton, Phiroze C Sethna.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—JUNE 4.

Madden, Surg-Capt, Bengal, I M S, Gen Hos, Suakin, from Poona.

Smith, Surg-Capt, Bengal, I M S, Gen Hos, Suakin, from Poona.

Hudson, Surg-Capt, Bo. 2nd Grenad, on sick leave, from Poona

DEPARTURES.—JUNE 3.

Heyland, Lt, Bo. Poona Horse, on duty to Sirur.

Monterth, Maj, Bo. 2nd Lancers, to join to Poona.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

(Central Provinces Gazette, May 30.)

On return from the privilege leave granted him, by Order 289, dated the 15th February last, Surg-Major H E Banatvala, Civil Surg, is posted to the Betul District.

Privilege leave for two months and twenty-four days, under Article 291, of the Civil Service Regulations, is granted to Mr W N Maw, I C S, Assistant Commissioner, Sambalpur, with effect from the 22nd July next, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth. Go at once to a Chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to the taste, it produces nature quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allay all gains, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for Dysentery and Diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other cause. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY THE 4TH OF JUNE, 1896.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutta standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45°.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a samll shed with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max,) and minimum (min,) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

Stations.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Rate per hour.	Temperature in shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st June, to date.	Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Delhi	29·594	SE	5	99·5	82·0	56	...	0·43	+0·30
Agra	29·601	SE	5	100·5	84·2	46	...	...	−0·03
Cawnpore	29·675	SSE	4	104·4	81·1	66	...	...	...
Allahabad	29·658	ENE	3	97·6	80·2	66	...	1·27	+1·14
Jhansi	29·619	NNE	4	109·2	98·7	35	...	0·02	−0·17
Jacobabad	29·583	E	4	115·8	90·9	47	...	0·05	+0·05
Karachi	29·661	WSW	13	93·3	83·0	71	...	...	...
Jeypore	29·623	WNW	2	107·1	82·9	44	...	...	−0·05
Ajmere	29·646	W	3	104·4	85·0	59	...	...	−0·04
Deesa	29·705	WNW	14	107·4	80·3	64	...	...	−0·02
Ahmedabad	29·696	NW	4	103·8	82·1	61	...	0·02	...
Bhuj	29·681	WNW	23	99·5	78·9	65	...	...	−0·02
Rajkot	29·721	NW	15	102·4	78·0	64	...	...	−0·14
Veraval	29·739	W	10	99·1	81·2	83	...	...	...
Neemuch	29·659	W	7	102·9	83·9	53	...	...	−0·09
Indore	29·680	NW	7	102·6	75·6	65	0·05	0·05	−0·31
Saugor	29·587	WSW	8	105·3	82·1	42	...	...	−0·12
Jubulpore	29·648	SW	3	107·0	81·6	43	...	...	−0·29
Hoshangabad	29·668	W	6	105·5	80·5	55	...	0·05	−0·26
Khandwa	29·691	NW	9	104·2	80·1	57	...	0·16	−0·15
Raipur	29·630	SW	7	104·5	77·6	64	0·63	1·15	+0·84
Nagpur	29·681	Calm	3	105·2	78·1	57	0·16	0·63	−0·02
Amraoti	29·705	WSW	6	100·3	78·3	62	...	2·22	+1·57
Akola	29·692	WNW	10	102·7	80·3	73	...	0·01	−0·34
Surat	29·719	SW	L	95·7	84·1	66	...	...	−0·21
Malegaon	29·713	W	8	94·9	75·1	72	...	1·44	+1·09
Bombay	29·760	SE	8	86·9	78·8	86	1·73	3·80	+2·22
Poona	29·752	WNW	15	92·0	71·9	78	0·65	0·70	+0·03
Ahmednagar	29·756	N	6	92·9	71·4	84	0·92	2·06	..
Aurangabad	29·758	Calm	6	88·9	73·7	66	...	0·87	...
Sholapur	29·

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 4.

A TERRIFIC thunderstorm from the north-east, with copious rain, broke over Bombay early yesterday morning, heralding the approach of the south-west moonsoon, which may be expected to set in regularly shortly. Meantime business has been duller than ever. Very small purchases have been made of Cotton in both directions, at daily declining rates; while in Wheat and Seeds the feeling has become quiet, and, from moderate, the amount of export business has become small, while the demand from shippers has been still more restricted. Rates of Exchange remained quiet but steady at slight fluctuations from last Thursday's rates until to-day, when in presence of better prices being obtained for Council drafts on London the market has become firm, and quotations leave off this evening 3-32d. higher than they ruled a week ago. Money is easy, and the Bank of Bombay rate has been reduced by one per cent. Government Paper has declined, on the whole, 7-16 per cent. Freights have remained dull and weak, the absence of enquiry for tonnage from shippers continuing. Imports show no improvement and have been in moderate demand at about the previous week's quotations.

MONEY.—As might have been expected from the languid state of business generally during the week covered by the Statement of Affairs of the Presidency Bank issued last Monday, there had been little movement in any of the items making up the Return, and the Bank's Cash Balance showed a diminution of 6¾ lakhs, at 155¼ lakhs, compared with an addition of 44¾ lakhs at the close of the week preceding. In the Return withdrawals to the extent of 10¼ lakhs from Private Deposits, and an increase of 6¾ lakhs in Loans, were disclosed; while, on the other hand, in Bills Discounted there was a reduction of 8¾ lakhs, making the net increase in trade requirements of 8 lakhs, as against a decrease of 24¼ lakhs in the week before. In Government Deposits an increase of nearly 9 lakhs at the Branches was partly counterbalanced by a decrease at the Head Office of 5¼ lakhs.

Money has meantime been easy, and the enquiry for accommodation small, and the Bank of Bombay, at their Board meeting this afternoon, reduced their rates by one per cent., making the minimum stand at 4 per cent. per annum.

EXCHANGE opened firm last Friday at 1s. 1 29-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 1 31-32d. for three months' sight Credits. For Bank Paper there was no enquiry; but a fair amount of Bills and of re-sales came out, and rates were quoted at some advance. Again firm at opening on Saturday, rates were quoted at 1s. 1 15-16 to 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 2 1-32d. for three months' sight Credits. A little Telegraphic was given early in the day at 1s. 1 31-32d.; but in the absence of much Merchants' Paper, and a good enquiry for Bank Paper, ready and forward, rates receded 1-32d. all round. On Monday the market was quiet at 1s. 1 29-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 2d. for three months' sight Credits. Early in the day the Bazaar came out as buyers, and rates declined 1-32d., having closed steady, to open the following day at 1s. 1 7-8 to 29-32d. for Telegraphic and Demand, for Bank remittance, and 1s. 1 31-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Telegraphic was taken to a moderate extent at 1s. 1 29-32d.; but the enquiry was very limited. Merchants' Bills were scarce, a moderate amount only having been reported. At opening yesterday the market was steady at 1s. 1 29-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 2d. for three months' sight Credits. The enquiry boths ways was very meagre, and but little business was reported. To-day the market opened steady at 1s. 1 15-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 2 1-32d. to 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits. There was a fair amount of buying by the Bazaar, and a few Bills were offering, which were sold to a small extent at 1s. 2 1-32d. During the day rates advanced, and closed firm as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand		.....	1s. 2d.
Do.	Telegraphic	.....	1s. 2d.
Do.	3 months' sight	.....	1s. 2 1-32d.
Do.	4 do.	...	1s. 2 1-32d.
Do.	6 do.	...	1s. 2 1-16 to 3-32d.
Credits	2 do.	...	1s. 2 3-32 to 1-8d.
Documents	3 do.	...	1s. 2 3-32 to 1-8d.
	6 do.	...	1s. 2 1-8 to 5-32d.
Francs	3 do.	...	148
„	6 do.	...	148¼

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—At opening last mail day the market was weak at 110 for Cash and 109¾ for the coming Settlement; but rates improved slightly during the day, and closed strong and advancing. The following day, a firm tone prevailed, and rates advanced to 110 3-16 for cash and last Monday's Settlement, and to 109 7-8 for the 29th June Account; but at closing they were weaker in all positions to the extent of 1-16 per cent. Steady at opening on Monday rates were quoted at 110 5-8 for cash and 110 1-8 for the Settlement at the end of this month, at which also the market closed. On Tuesday the market opened weak and declining at 110¼ for Money and 109 7-8 for Account, which quotations were maintained to the close. Yesterday rates were firm, and opened at 110 for Money and 109 13-16 for Account, having closed on the same level. The market was steady in tone to-day, and opened at 110 1-8 for Cash and 109 7-8 for the Settlement, which rates were quoted also at the close.

Municipal five per cent. Loan is unchanged at 132; and Port Trust Bonds are 4¼ per cent. lower at 108¼.

SHARES.—The movement in this market during the week has been chiefly of an upward tendency. In Mill Scrip this has been most apparent; and the changes in prices in Bank, Press, and Miscellaneous Scrip point to the same conclusion. Compared with our list of last Thursday, our quotations to-day show an advance of Rs. 50 each, in Mahaluxmee and Morarji Goculdas; of Rs. 45, in Currimbhoy; of Rs. 40 each, in Bombay United and Star of India; of Rs. 35, in Manockjee Petit; of Rs. 30, in Union Spinning Land Manufacturing; of Rs 25 each, in Dhun, Hyderabad, Jubilee, and Union; of Rs. 20 each, in China, Framjee Petit, and Queen; of Rs. 15 each, in David and Lukhmidass; of Rs.10 each, in Howard and Bullough, Sholapore and Soonderdas; of Rs. 7, in Leopold; of Rs. 5 each, in Colaba Land, Indo-China, Jamshed Manufacturing, and Swadeshi; and a decline of Rs. 25 each, in City of Bombay, Madras United, and New Great Eastern; of Rs. 20, in Jewraj Balloo; of Rs. 10 each, in Khatao Muckanji, Oriental, and Ripon; of Rs. 5 each, in Alliance, Bombay Cotton, and Sun. In Presses, French, are Rs. 30 higher; Bombay Cotton, Broach City, and Volkarts, Rs. 5 each; Mercantile, are Rs. 2½ lower. In miscellaneous, Bombay-Burmah are Rs. 200 higher in the first issue and Rs. 50 in the second; and Delhi and Northern India Flour, Rs. 5; Treacher and Co., are Rs. 60 lower.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—There is but little to report, prices in general having been maintained at their former level. The Home markets have remained steady, and dealers here finding it difficult to purchase without lowering prices, hold off, and so keep them up to the level. Up-country buyers continue to take only according to their present wants; and stocks are increasing. *Bleached, Dyed, Turkey Red* and *Printed Goods* have been in small request, last week's rates having been still quoted. For *Locally-made Goods* the market has been very dull; holders are willing to sell, but will not accept the reduced rates offered. During the week the clearances of *Imported Goods* were 3,900 packages; and of *Locally-made Goods* about 1,100 bales.

YARNS.—China has sold some 10,000 bales; and since Exchange on Hongkong and Shanghai improved slightly, China buyers here have operated moderately. The week's sales are estimated at 5,000 bales, and the market closed strong at the following official quotations:—

Twist	No. 6s	Mule,	As.	4¼	to	4½	per lb
„	8s	„	„	4 5-8	„	4 7-8	„
„	10s	„	„	5	„	5 5-8	„
„	12s	„	„	5 1-8	„	5 5-8	„
„	16s	„	„	6	„	6 5-8	„
„	20s	„	„	6¼	„	6 7-8	„
„	24s	„	„	7	„	7 1-8	„
„	30s	„	„	7 3-8	„	7 5-8	„
„	40s	„	„	8¼	„	8¾	„

METALS.—Copper has been taken to a moderate extent, and has declined 4 ans. per cwt. in value in a steady market. For *Yellow Metal* the demand has been moderate, with a steady tone in the market, and a fall of 4 ans. per cwt. in price. In *Iron* only a little business has passed at former rates in a steady market.

COAL.—During the week sales have been reported of ready *Powell's Duffryn* in harbour, at Rs. 19 per ton, also June-July shipment at Rs. 19¼ per ton; and *Davison's West Hartley*, ready in harbour, at Rs. 18¼ to Rs. 18 per ton. The market closed weak in tone; we quote alongside:—

Welsh Hartley	..... Rs.	17½ per ton.
West	„	18 „
Australian	„	16 „
Powell's Duffryn	„	19 „
Cardiff	„	19 „
Japan	„	14 „

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—At the close of last week there was rather more doing in this staple for native spinners' account; but meantime the state of the market has been very quiet, and purchases, in both directions, have been upon a smaller scale than ever, while prices have declined Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy, almost daily. The amount taken by exporters has not exceeded a few hundred bales daily, aggregating some 2,000 bales for the week, and consisting of Oomra and Dhollera-Bhownugger descriptions, Bengal, and a little Broach; while the Mills have taken some 3,500 bales in all, made up of the same descriptions with some Ginned Compta, and Kurrachee Cotton. This evening the market closed quiet, with prices Rs. 2 to Rs. 7 per candy lower than quoted a week ago.

The Receipts of Cotton of this season's crop into Bombay during the past week have been 40,300 bales, compared with 62,000 bales to hand in the week preceding, and 72,500 bales in the corresponding week last season; and the excess in Arrivals of new Cotton this year as against last has now become reduced to 656,500 bales.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton, with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz:—

Cotton—		Per candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	164	2d.
Do. Fully Good	„	150	2 21-32d.
Do. Good	„	140	2¼d.
Belauee, Fine	„	167	2 15-16d.
Do. Fully Good	„	160	2 13-16d.
Khandeish, Fully Good	„	162	2 27-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	„	170	2 31-32d.
Dhollera, Fine	„	192	3 11-32d.
Do. Fully Good	„	173	3 1-32d.
Do. Good	„	165	2 29-32d.
S G Dharwar, Good	„	194	3 3-32d.
Westerns	„	173	3 1-32d.
Broach, Fine	„	207	3 9-16d.
Do. Good	„	197	3 13-32d.

The Arrivals of new Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season 1895-96. F. P. Bales.	Season 1894-95. F. P. Bales.
Bengal	337,000	205,500
Berar	393,500	210,500
Khandeish	305,500	225,500
Barsi and Nugger	94,000	46,000
Hingunghat	14,500	1,000
Persian and Sind	59,500	27,500
Broach	213,500	99,500
Dhollera	389,500	311,000
Compta and Dharwar	66,000	95,000
Westerns and Madras	7,500	2,500
	1,880,500	1,224,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1896. Bales.	1895. Bales.	1894. Bales.
For the week	40,815	72,430	151,349
From 1st Jan. to 3rd June	1,479,282	1,179,337	1,293,187
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	21,843	63,940	10,279
From 1st Jan. to 3rd June	590,126	376,382	652,308
Clearances to Calcutta, China, &c.			
For the week	28,564	821	2,339
From 1st Jan. to 3rd June	221,321	77,491	86,132

WHEAT.—This market has lost the steady feeling which it maintained for some time past; and business for shippers' account has been upon a smaller scale. Prices of *Delhi* advanced an anna per cwt. in the beginning of the week, and declined to the same extent on *Ahmedabad*, making our quotations stand as follows:—

White Peasy, 91 per cent.	Rs.	4-8-0	per cwt.
Do. do. 85	„	4-8-0	„
No. 1 Club Delhi	„	4-11-0	„
Red Delhi	„	4-8-0	„
Hard Yellow	„	4-3-6	„
Red Ahmedabad	„	4-7-0	„
Hard Red	„	3-13-0	„

SEEDS.—This market has also become quiet in tone this week, with only a small amount of export business passing. Prices of *Linseed* and *Rapeseed* gave way ¼ to 1 anna at the beginning of the week, and subsequently 1 anna more in each description, our closing quotations this evening being as follows:—

Linseed	Rs. 6-12-0 to Rs. 6-14-0	per cwt.	
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat.	„ 6-12-0 to „ 6-14-0	„	
Do. do. Cawnpore	„ 7-2-0 to „	„	
Do. Red do.	„ 6-0-0 to „ 6-3-0	„	
Gingelly, Whits	„ 42-0-0 to „ 43-0-0	candy.	
Do Mixed	„ 39-8-0 to „ 40-8-0	„	

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1896. cwts.	1895. cwts.	1894. cwts.
Wheat for the week	132,003	403,276	87,745
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	2,571,760	2,634,831	2,087,709
Linseed for the week	117,384	92,856	184,717
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	2,858,738	2,293,656	4,533,930
Rapeseed for the week	24,674	85,817	171,944
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	593,277	1,589,460	2,484,833
Gingellyseed for the week.	2,313	6,468	5,912
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	812,751	719,986	733,556

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent, are as follows:—

	1896. cwts.	1895. cwts.	1894. cwts.
Wheat for the week	3,960	118,374	103,549
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	944,030	895,988	1,172,512
Linseed for the week	39,677	79,478	92,826
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	2,073,210	1,858,459	3,524,870
Rapeseed for the week		109,223	139,903
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	507,705	1,168,511	1,929,467
Gingellyseed for the week.	8,133	44,674	50,510
Do. from 1st Jan. to 3rd June	1,013,131	967,438	845,260

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JUNE 3.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed easier. Surats dull.

Good Dhollera	3 7-32

The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	113 5-16
3 per cent. Rentes	102
3¼ per cent. Sterling Loan	120 1-2
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	03 3-8
Bar Silver	31 1-4

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, JUNE 3.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Sinclair arrived here yesterday evening.

ADEN, JUNE 3.

The Australian Lloyd's s. s. Marquis Bacquehem, from Trieste, left for Bombay this evening.

HONGKONG, JUNE 4.

The Florio-Rubattino Company's steamer Bisagno left to-day for Bombay.

The s. s. Mirzapore left here this afternoon.

COLOMBO, JUNE 4.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Victoria left here at 4 p.m. to-day.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Nubia, left here at 8-30 a.m. to-day.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Ravenna left here at 3-30 p.m. to-day, and is expected to arrive at Bombay, at 5 p.m., on Sunday next.

The Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. Vincenzo Florio left Aden for Bombay on the midnight of the 3rd instant and expected to arrive on the 9th inst.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—JUNE 3.

10 p.m.	82·9

THURSDAY.—JUNE 4.

6 a.m.	79·9
10 a.m.	85·5
2 p.m.	88·6
4 p.m.	87·4

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

MORELAND—May 30, at Multan, the wife of acting Foreman Boiler-maker Moreland, of a daughter.
MACLEOD—May 25, at Mozufferpore, the wife of M N MacLeod, Rajpore, Chumparun, of a son.
REID—May 27, at Durham Cottage, Kurseong, the wife of David Reid, Manager, Rungamuttee Tea Estate, Duars, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BOILEAU—BOILEAU—May 25, at Gauhati, by the Rev J O Willcocks, M.A. Colin Campbell Boileau, Capt. 5th Bengal Cavalry and Adjt. Assam Valley Light Horse, son of Col G W Boileau, J P, B L, of Old Catton, Norwich, and Sara Alicia Clarke, daughter of the late Simeon J Boileau, Esqr. of Contesion.

DEATHS.

BLANCHETT—May 27, at Allahabad, Mrs S Blanchett, aged 60 years.
BROWNE—May 24, at Sweet Home, Mussoorie, of bronchial asthma, John Browne, aged 58 years.
EPOLITTE—May 25, at Agra, Amelia Epolitte, widow of the late L E Epolitte, Clerk, Collector's Office, Agra, aged 60 years.

The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1896.

THE issue of the annual report on the administration of Local Boards in this Presidency during the year 1894-95 appropriately follows at an interval of a few days only the green-book dealing with the work of the Municipalities. As three of the reports were sent in to Government from the Commissioners last September, and the last was forwarded on October 4, it is not very easy to discover any reason for a subsequent delay of eight months in issuing the green-book. A good opportunity was afforded in the Northern Division by the fourth triennial election of the Taluka Boards for testing the amount of interest taken in the management of local affairs by the people. After twelve years of local self-government the result can scarcely be described as particularly gratifying to those who hold the theory that the way to interest the community in public affairs is to give them a voice therein. The Taluka Board, as our readers are aware, is the unit of local self-government, the taluka being divided into groups of villages, each of which returns one member. For the vacant seats there was considerable competition save at Mahim and Pardhi, where only the requisite number of candidates (six in each case) came forward. But in all other elections there was an excess of candidates—often very large,—as for instance in the Thana Collectorate, where in three cases there were over forty candidates for the six seats. At home, where the number of aspirants for local honours is largely regulated by the amount of interest taken in the elections by the rate-payers generally, this surplus supply of candidates would indicate a widespread interest in the election. But that was not the case in the Northern Division, where the percentage of electors who came to the poll was markedly small. In only five out of thirty-two talukas did more than fifty per cent. of the electors exercise the franchise, while in six talukas less than 25 per cent. testified by their votes to the fervent desire that the people are said to cherish for extended elective powers. In the Southern Division the figures show some improvement on those of the North. In one collectorate the percentage of voters was as high as 55·8 per cent. of the total possible number, and in no case was the average recorded below 30·9 per cent. In Sind, as might have been expected, the returns are worse than those of the Central Division, the number of voters who exercised their rights being as low as 18 per cent. in one case. The redundancy of candidates, although great, was not so excessive as in the Northern Division. If this is the case in regard to the elections the enquiry arises: "Well, what about the attendance at the meetings?" In the Northern Division all districts show an improvement in this respect excepting Broach. In the Central Division the average attendance practically remains unchanged. Mr. Ebden reports that the attendance was fairly satisfactory both at the District and Taluka Board in the Southern Division; and the same remark is applicable to the Boards in Sind. The average attendance seems to range at about one-half of the full strength of the Boards, and bearing in mind that members have sometimes to travel great distances to attend the meetings, this cannot be regarded as meagre or disappointing.

Mr. Reid's report shows that in the Northern Division the total income of the several Boards was Rs. 11,39,202, being a decline of a lakh and a-half on the figures for the preceding year. The result was that the Boards had to draw on their large accumulated balances, which at the commencement of the year aggregated to nearly nine lakhs of rupees. The decrease was attributable to the very considerable decline in the amount received from the one-anna cess—the sheet anchor of the finances of these local authorities,—in consequence of the payment of instalments of land revenue being deferred in the Broach district. This consideration for Broach was no doubt needful, but it was scarcely deserved, for great complaints are made by the Collector of the lack of effort made by the Board to improve communications. Taking the whole division, the incidence of taxation per head of population was 2 annas 6 pies, and that of income, excluding balance, 4 annas 7 pies. Four lakhs of rupees were spent for educational purposes, and seven lakhs and three-quarters on civil works, such as the construction and repair of roads and buildings, the improvements of the water-supply, and so forth. Mr. Ebden's report on the work of the Boards in the Southern Division shows that the total income was eleven and a-half lakhs of rupees; and included two and a-half lakhs of rupees in the shape of Provincial grants. The incidence of taxation and that of income per head of the population were 2 annas 2 pies and 3 annas 10 pies, respectively. The closing balance of the year was Rs. 6,05,728, as against Rs. 6,28,614 in the previous year. Hence Mr. Ebden has to report that progress towards carrying out the orders of Government, deprecating the accumulation of unnecessarily large balances, except in the districts of Belgaum and Bijapur, is extremely slow. In the case of Kanara the explanation of the increase in the balance was that it was difficult to get Local Fund works rapidly carried out, and that in consequence money that had been voted was left in hand. Mr. Ebden has replied that in the absence of contractors who can execute the works within the appointed time, the best course would be for the Boards to carry out the works, either departmentally or through the agency of the Public Works Department, which is always ready to execute with a fair amount of expedition the public improvement entrusted to it. The building work of the year comprised 23 new tanks, 159 wells, 35 school houses, 15 chavdis, and 16 rest houses. Mr. Ebden attributes the fairly satisfactory working of the Local Boards mainly to the efforts of the official members. While mentioning non-officials who have displayed considerable interest in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, he remarks that as a class the non-official members continue to take but a moderate interest in the work of the Boards. His frank explanation is that "it is perhaps unreasonable to expect from the members of taluka boards much gush outside the board-room about the construction of the few and petty works which it falls to the lot of Taluka Boards to carry out, and in which the chances are that the majority of members feel little personal interest."

The total income of the six District and sixty-six Taluka Boards of the Central Division was Rs. 14,64,999, being eighteen thousand rupees in advance of the previous year. As usual, provincial rates, police, civil works, and contributions were the principal items of revenue. The incidence of taxation per head of the population remained unchanged at two annas one pie. Expenditure increased by over a lakh and a-quarter, and the closing balance was reduced to under nine lakhs. The tendency of the outlay on education to increase is a cheering feature of this as of the other Divisions of the Presidency. Mr. Spence explains that he has not found it possible to comply with the resolution of last July requiring the Commissioners to insert in their report a brief chapter reviewing the progress made in material improvements by the several Local Boards. Owing to the late receipt of the order he has not been able to obtain the requisite information from the various Presidents. In the Province of Sind, which contains five District and forty-six Taluka Local Boards, the total number of meetings held during the year was 405 against 358 in the previous twelve months. The total income showed a slight advance, and amounted to Rs. 8,44,208; while the opening balance was nearly four lakhs—half-a-lakh more than that with which the year closed. Sir Charles Ollivant compliments the Boards upon the useful work they are doing towards the promotion of sanitation. The most important feature of the year in respect to local government in Sind was the extension thereto for the first time of the practice of Government subventions for village water-supply and village sanitation, ten thousand rupees being allotted for the first named purpose and Rs. 2,500 for the second. Sir Charles Ollivant expresses a hope that the Taluka Boards will avail themselves freely of the help Government are in this way giving. The scheme under which these grants are accorded is one of the principal features of the efforts Lord Harris made during his term as Governor to do something for the "voiceless villages" of the mofussil, and there can be no doubt that the good results of which it has been productive in the Presidency Proper will also be forthcoming in Sind, provided the Local Boards recognise that it is based upon the principle that Government will help those who help themselves. The report on the Local Boards administration taken as a whole may be regarded as satisfactory, and the almost entire absence of the exercise of the powers of veto reserved by the Act to the Collector, the Commissioner, and to Government, shows that the Boards are endeavouring with fair success to use wisely and well the powers of local management committed to them. It also shows that the administrative wheels run more smoothly than is often the case in the mofussil Municipalities.

THE Liberal Party has won two seats in the by-elections which have taken place this week—in the Frome division of Somersetshire and in the Wick Burghs. The Frome vacancy was occasioned by the death of the Marquess of Bath and the succession to the peerage of his son, Lord Weymouth, who had represented Frome on several occasions. Lord Charles Beresford was invited to contest the seat in the Unionist interest, but declined, preferring, he said, to remain outside Parliament. Lord Alexander Thynne, brother of the late Unionist member, was then nominated and unanimously adopted, giving "his earnest support to the policy of the Government, and expressed his conviction that the Education Bill and the Agricultural Rating Bill were calculated to give the relief the Government had pledged themselves to afford." Mr. J. Emmott Barlow, who represented the division in last Parliament, but was defeated by Lord Weymouth at the General Election, was chosen as the Radical candidate, and defeated his opponent by two hundred and ninety-nine votes. The results of previous elections in this constituency are sufficiently varied to quote:—1885—Mr. L. J. Baker (R.), 4,735; Viscount Weymouth (U.), 3,973; Radical majority, 762. 1892—Mr. J. E. Barlow (R.), 4,747; Lord Weymouth (U.), 4,260; Radical majority, 487. 1886—Lord Weymouth (U.), 4,349; Mr. G. B Samuelson (R.), 3,645; Unionist majority, 704. 1895—Lord Weymouth (U.), 5,043; Mr. J. E. Barlow (R.), 4,660; Unionist majority, 383. Thus it will be seen that, after all, Frome has only returned to her first love. In Wick too there is a return to the former state of things. The constituency, which comprises Wick, Cromarty, Dingwall, Tain, Dornoch, and Kirkwall, was never represented by other than a Liberal until Sir J. Pender captured it in the Unionist interest in 1892. From 1832 to 1852 it was represented by Mr. James Loch, father of the present Lord Loch, then commissioner for the Duke of Sutherland. Mr. Loch was succeeded by that sturdy Radical, Mr. Samuel Laing, who represented the constituency, with one or two intervals, up to 1865, being defeated in that year by Mr. George Loch. In 1872 Sir J. Pender commenced his connection with the Burghs, which he maintained unbroken, in spite of several Radical attacks, till defeated by Mr. Macdonald Cameron in 1885. In 1892 he re-captured the seat. When Sir John Pender resigned general activity was caused in local political circles. Mr. W. C. Smith, who unsuccessfully contested Dundee last year, was chosen Unionist candidate, and the Radicals selected Mr. T. C. H. Hedderwick, barrister, who was unsuccessful candidate for the Wick Burghs at the General Election. The figures at the last election were:—Sir J. Pender, 913; Mr. Hedderwick, 889—majority, twenty-four. Sir John sat as member for Totnes in 1865-66, and unsuccessfully contested Linlithgowshire in 1868, and the Govan Division of Lanarkshire in 1889. Instead of an Unionist majority of twenty-four only there is a Liberal majority of two hundred and twelve. There will be much jubilation in the Liberal ranks.

MR. SARAT CHANDRA MITRA, whose contributions to the journal of the Bombay Anthropological Society are among its greatest attractions, has a further paper in the new number of the journal dealing with Indian Folk-lore concerning the tiger—a subject on which he has written before. The Kisans of Palamow, Sirguja and Jashpur, the Gonds of Central India, the Santals of the Santal Pergunnahs, the Khonds and the Oraons of Orissa, the Canarese people of Southern India, the Moondahs of Chota Nagpore and Singbhum, the Katodis, the Kakhyens living in the hills to the east of Burma, and the Burmese worship a tiger-deity and entertain more or less superstitious beliefs about this beast. And it seems the worship of the tiger is more or less prevalent among other aboriginal races inhabiting Central India, and among some of the Mongoloid races inhabiting the hills of South-Eastern India and Burma. The Garos, an aboriginal tribe of the Mongoloid race, living in Assam and South-Eastern India, believe that when a man has been killed by a tiger, he appears in a dream, bidding his relatives change their names, whereupon his parents and brothers and sisters adopt new names. Their object in doing so is to prevent the tiger from discovering the kindred of the man he has slain, and thus attacking them too. The Chetties of the Western Coast celebrate a religious festival whenever a tiger is slain. As soon as the animal is dead, men, women, and children rush into the enclosure, pull out the moustaches, which are supposed to make its possessors tiger-proof, and put their feet in the blood which is sacred. The body is then carried away to the largest village, taken round the temple, and then up the nearest hill. The Khonds of the Ganjam Maliahs regard the tiger as sacred, and hold him in some veneration. So sacred is this animal considered that an oath taken on the skin of a tiger or a panther is looked upon as most sacred and inviolable. They also look upon the tiger in the light of a representative of the avenging Nemesis. The Khond will not cut a crop till certain rites have been performed. He believes that if even an atom of it were taken beforehand a tiger is sure to carry off the delinquent. Among other tribes there are men supposed to possess the power of charming tigers and preventing them from committing depredations on human beings and domestic animals, and villagers willingly pay them to put their power into operation. Beyond this Mr. Mitra tells us more of the superstitions concerning the tiger, and he tells us many things too, which, though they may not bear the test of natural history, are at least entertaining.

WE are glad to learn that Mr. James H. Sleigh, Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bombay, is now rapidly recovering from his severe illness.

THE Bank of Bombay, yesterday, reduced its rate for Demand Loans on the security of Government Paper to four per centum per annum.

IT is notified that the R. I. M. S. Canning will now sail, on Saturday evening next, for Suakin. Officers, details, animals, and baggage, etc., will embark at 7 a.m., on that date, at the Prince's Dock.

MR. A. SHEWAN, I.C.S., has been allowed by the Secretary of State an extension by six months of the furlough for six months granted to him in Government Notification of

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

DECREASE OF CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, JUNE 4.

Cholera is now decreasing both here and in Alexandria.

ATTACK ON THE MATABELE.

LONDON, JUNE 4.

Colonel Carrington, who is now at Buluwayo, intends sending three columns to attack the Matabele in the Matoppo Hills.

THE MASSACRES IN CRETE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, JUNE. 4.

The Ambassadors of the Powers have jointly cautioned the Porte against the Christian massacres in Crete, Russia being especially emphatic.

ELECTION NEWS.

LIBERAL VICTORIES.

LONDON, JUNE 3.

Mr. J. E. Barlow, the Liberal candidate, has been elected for Frome by a majority of two hundred and ninety-nine votes over Lord Alexander Thynne, the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Hedderwick, the Radical candidate, has been elected member for Wick Burghs in the place of Sir John Pender, defeating Mr. Smith, the Unionist candidate, by a majority of two hundred and twelve votes.

MARTIAL LAW IN CRETE.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Crete.

THE DERBY.

ENTHUSIASM OVER THE PRINCE'S WIN.

The victory of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with Persimmon was received with immense enthusiasm on the course at Epsom and all over the country.

Persimmon won by a neck in two minutes and forty-two seconds, which is a record time.

The weather was absolutely sultry, and the attendance enormous.

Teufel came in fourth.

THE OTHER STARTERS.

The other horses who ran were Bay Ronald, Knight of the Thistle, Gulistan, Bradwardine, Spook, Taussaint and Tamarind.

BETTING AT THE START.

The betting at the start was as follows :—

5 to 1 against Persimmon.

13 to 8 on St. Frusquin.

33 to 1 against Earwig.

11 to 1 against Teufel.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIA.

Australia has beaten Oxford by seven wickets.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, JUNE 4.

The s. s. Oriental, with the homeward mails of the 29th ultimo, arrived here, at 1-30 a.m., to-day.

THE COST OF THE SUAKIN EXPEDITION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JUNE 4.

The Government of India's Despatch on the question of ordinary expenses of the Suakin Contingent being defrayed by India left Simla on Tuesday morning last.

The memorial contains an exhaustive opinion of those members of the Council who were consulted, including the strong expressions of opinion against the proposal, it is believed, by the principal Military authorities and Sir James Westland.

FINAL MONSOON FORECAST.

The following is the final official monsoon forecast :—Conditions are favourable for a normal monsoon. The south-east trades will be strong, and probably of normal strength. Observations taken at Seychelles indicate the probability of some delay in the permanent establishment of the monsoon current in the Indian seas and India. It is possible, however, that Seychelles observations may be more significant than is assumed, and hence it is that the monsoon currents may be feeble. The Bay current is more likely to be above its normal strength than Bombay current, and the probability is that both may not be so strong as usual in June. The rains will hence commence in the second week of June on the Bombay Coast, and in the third week in Bengal and on the Madras Coast. The pressure conditions are favourable in Upper Burma, Bengal, North-West Provinces, Eastern districts, the Punjab, Central India, Berar, Bombay, and Hyderabad (Deccan). The rainfall in Lower Burma and Southern India will probably be in slight defect, more especially in the southern districts. The conditions are somewhat unfavourable in Sind, Cutch, Kathiawar, Western Punjab, and Rajputana. There are no indications of a longish break in the rains.

THE LATE SHAH OF PERSIA.

According to transfrontier correspondence of a reliable nature, the Amir has written expressing warm sympathies with the Shah of Persia in his recent bereavement.

RETIREMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY.

Mr. Harvey James, Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, has obtained permission to retire from Government service at the end of the Simla season.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL.

It has been decided not to take up the new drafting of the Merchants Shipping Bill during the present year, the Financial Department not deeming the new special legislation necessary.

THE CHUTIATAN BRIDGE.

The Chutiatan bridge is to be repaired immediately by order of Major Deane, British Commissioner in Chitral.

SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

The annual Resolution will be published in August as usual. The work of this department has made good progress, especially in districts opened up since the publication in 1894.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending June 2nd was 572, giving a death-rate of 34·29 per annum per thousand as against 37·96 the corresponding period of last year, and 31·82 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 161 died from fevers ; 16, small-pox ; 8, measles ; 12, cholera ; 77, phthisis ; 39, diseases of the nervous system ; 83, affections of the respiratory organs ; 26, diarrhœa ; 10, dysentery ; 30, still-born ; 51, old age and debility ; 9, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 35 ; Brahmin, 20 ; Lingaet, 3 ; Bhattia, 3 ; Hindu of other caste, 279 ; Hindu outcaste, 42 ; Mussalman, 130 ; Parsee, 37 ; Jews, 3 ; Native Christian, 21 ; Eurasian, 3 ; European, 2 ; Negro-African, 1 ; Buddhist, 2 ; other and unknown races, 1. The total number of births was 244 as against 258 the corresponding period of last year, and 272 the average over the past five years.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We are sorry to hear from London that General J. S. Trevor, R. E., is seriously unwell.

News from Quetta states that Sir James Browne is better, and it is hoped the signs of improvement may continue.

A fortnightly postal service has been arranged for between Aden and Suakin while the Indian brigade remains on duty there.

The final arrangements for garrisoning the Chin Hills with military police will be made before the cold weather comes round, so as to permit the withdrawal of one battalion of native infantry.

Among our next cold-weather visitors, says the contemporary we may look for Lady (Steuart) Bayley, who, we believe, purposes passing a few months among her sons and daughters in India—some eight in number.

The spirit in which Dr. Lawrie's views on the malaria parasite are received by the *Lancet* will probably more than console that officer for the diatribes of Mr. Ernest Hart's paper. The *Lancet* observes : Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrie is endowed with great energy and powers of work as well as the courage of his opinions. If he is able to establish his view as to the alleged mistaken notions entertained by European observers in regard to Laveran's parasite, he will assuredly obtain all the credit he deserves. Shortly, put, he contends that the microscopic appearances discoverable in the blood are not really due to the presence and metamorphoses of a parasitic element, but to changes brought about in the normal ingredients of the blood through the perverted function of a diseased spleen. His address consists of two parts ; one of destructive criticism, in which he alleges that the observations of histologists in respect of the Laveran bodied are founded in error and are susceptible of a different explanation to that given by them, and the other constructive, in which he sets forth his views as to part played by the spleen in malarious subjects, in the production and development of blood cells which in their career and appearances deviate from the normal and healthy standard and give rise, he alleges, to those appearances which microscopists have mistaken for those caused by a parasite—the plasmodium malariæ. We have just received the address and hope to publish it in an early issue of the *Lancet*.

Mr. G. E. Manisty, on return from leave, will act as Commissioner of Excise, Bengal, during the absence on furlough of Mr. K. G. Gupta.

It is announced that the next sitting of the Bengal Provincial Conference will commence on Monday, the 22nd instant, at Krishnaghur.

At the Calcutta Government opium sale on Monday 3,250 chests of Behar and Benares opium realised Rs. 40,64,450, a general average of Rs. 1,250-9-7 per chest. There were 1,625 chests of the Behar drug which sold at an average of Rs. 1,251-7-1 and 1,625 chests of Benares realised an average of Rs. 1,050-9-7 per chest. There were 1,625 chests of the Behar drug which sold at an average of Rs. 1,251-7-1 and 1,625 chests of Benares realised an average of Rs. 1,249-12-0. The highest average was Rs. 1,260 (from Benares) and the lowest Rs. 1,245.

About 200 Municipal carters of Entally and Ballygunge struck work on Sunday morning on account of their being asked to do some new work. The police had to be sent for to prevent the men on strike, interfering with those who had been engaged in their places. The strike still continues.

The Magistrate of Khoolna has under enquiry a case of severe rioting between the men of the two petty zemindaris after a small piece of boundary land in the Satkhera sub-division of that district. Two men are reported to have been killed on the spot and one more has died since admission to hospital, while eight are more or less wounded. Several men have been arrested.

A sad gloom has been cast over Chupra by the death from enteric of Mr. Ayres, Manager of Chetun Pursa. The June meet has been suspended today and the Chupra Races postponed until the 3rd on this account.

Mr. Collin, District Magistrate of the 24-Pergunnahs, opened an inquiry on Monday at Barrackpore into the circumstances of the recent riot at Titaghar. Five Mahomedans were charged with rioting and three Hindus, one of the latter being discharged, with the abduction of a cow, thereby exasperating the Mahomedans and inciting to riot. In both cases the prosecution closed their case, adjournments being allowed for the convenience of the defence.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. Hall, Superintendent of the Central Prison at Allahabad, succeeds Sir John Tyler as Inspector-General of Prisons in these Provinces on the 1st proximo. Surgeon-Captain Mactaggart from Benares takes up Dr. Hall's charge at Allahabad.

The area of greatest heat continues in the Central and North-West Provinces. The mean temperature at Raipur on the 28th May was 103·5, and at Jhansi 102. The temperature is rising rapidly in the Punjab and Sind. At both Delhi and Multan on the date mentioned, the mean of the day was over 99, while Jacobabad showed itself rising to its old pre-eminence with 102·5. The mean temperature at Lahore on Monday was 98·1. The arrival of the monsoon has not been officially recognised yet. The last report from Simla says "a very feeble disturbance has passed northward over the east of the Arabian Sea, but without materially affecting the weather."

General Egerton and his staff with the 26th Punjab Infantry, arrived at Suakim on Saturday, all well, and the 1st Bombay Lancers reached the port the following day. The 26th Punjab Infantry was sent at once to Tokar, instructions to that effect awaiting the Brigadier on his arrival. As we stated last week, this movement was decided upon some time ago.

Colonel Hutchinson, commanding the troops which have moved down from Chitral, has expressed his appreciation of the admirable manner in which the transport and supplies were arranged for the long route, the march to Chakdara being rendered a perfectly comfortable one. Major Dean, the Political Officer, is to be congratulated on the complete success of his arrangements along the route.

The continued drought at Simla has compelled the Municipality to still further curtail the hours at which the hydrants are open, and water will only be available now from six to nine o'clock in the morning, and from five to seven in the evening. The watering of the roads is to be discontinued. A single thunderstorm, giving an inch of rain, would probably put matters right for a time, but such storms as have lately occurred have been very slight. A fair supply of water is still being received from the old catchment area and from pumping station in the Charot nullah, but this is insufficient to meet the daily wants of the population and the reservoirs have only some ten days' store left. This must now be carefully husbanded. The summer capital had a mean temperature on Monday of seven degrees over the normal, and a maximum of 149° was recorded in the direct rays of the sun. The most serious mishap that could occur just now would be a big fire, but the bazaar has escaped so far though the whole place is as dry as tinner. There was, by the way, an alarm of fire in the direction of Chota Simla on Sunday evenining, but trifling damage was done.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for a penny seems a large price, yet that was what was paid by Messrs. Spink the other day. The coin in question is a gold penny of Henry III., who coined it in the year 1257, declared its value to be "twenty pence," and called it in again the same year. Only three other specimens are known to be extant, of which two are in the British Museum. The weight of the coin is 45¼ grains, and it is made of the finest gold.

A Chandernagore correspondent of the *Englishman* draws attention to a point which should be examined by the Foreign Office. Chandernagore has no resident British official. The story of the unfortunate child who died of cholera, the penniless father, and the want of a clergyman of the Church of England to perform the last rites, is one which does not bear repetition. Now, as our correspondent remarks, mills owned by English capitalists are in and round about French territory, and the daily influx of visitors is large. It would be an easy matter to appoint an Englishman, resident in Chandernagore, to represent the Government of India, and the appointment has now become a necessity.

Intelligence was received at Rome, on May 5th, that while the Grand Duke and Duchess George, of Saxe-Meiningen, who are travelling incognito in Italy, were returning with a few members of their suite from visiting the German poet Richard Voss and his wife, at their villa near Frascati, the previous day, their carriage was stopped in the vicinity of Frascati by two men, armed with rifles and their faces masked. Replying to their demand for money, the Grand Duke flung them his purse containing some fifty-five francs, whereupon the carriage was allowed to proceed. The authorities, on being informed, immediately despatched gendarmes to the spot, in order to arrest the robbers. The head of the police force, as well as Dr. Galli, Under Secretary of State for the Interior, have expressed their regret to the Grand Duke. According to another account the Grand Duke and Duchess, accompanied by a lady-in-waiting, were visiting some of the Chateaux in the environs of Rome, when the carriage containing the Grand Ducal party was stopped in the park belonging to Prince Chigi, situated on the road between Arricia and Rocca di Papa, by two masked men, who levelled their rifles at the Grand Duke and demanded his purse. The Grand Duke immediately complied, and the robbers escapad with their booty. The Grand Duchess was much upset by the occurrence, the news of which has created quite a sensation in Rome. The men have been arrested.

A most extraordinary attempt at robbery was made recently at a large dry goods store, in Madison-street, Chicago. Three thieves entered the shop and walked to the cashier's desk, where they demanded from the lady-in-charge a sum of money. The lady cashier bravely refused to comply, when one of the ruffians drew a revolver and shot her through the hand. An alarm was raised and the thieves decamped, but the proprietor of the store, Mr. George Marshall, immediately started in pursuit. Gaining upon them, the robbers turned and fired, killing him upon the spot. The street was crowded at the time, and all the thieves kept up a fusilade from their revolvers to deter others from pursuing them. A man and a woman, chance bystanders, where shot and severely wounded, and in the panic which momentarily ensued the robbers managed to effect their escape.

Upwards of £42,400 was recently realised at Christie's for some remarkable diamond jewellery, and silver plate. Of this sum £8,000 was paid for a ruby brooch, the stone, believed to be the largest cut Burma ruby known, weighing 46¼ carats. A single-row necklace of forty-five graduated Oriental pearls of exceptional quality realised £4,100, and a large black pearl drop with brilliant cap (pearl 140 grains), formerly the property of Queen Isabella of Spain, £1,150. Other important items included a blue diamond ring, £600 ; a blue-white brilliant necklace, consisting of thirty-eight brilliants, £3,800 ; a pair of single-stone brilliants, ear-tops en suite, £1,100 ; a brilliant necklet, with drop, £1,650 ; a gold and brilliant necklet, with a large black pearl and a white one—the black having been formerly the property of the Empress Eugenie —£1,680 ; a ruby and brilliant necklace, a replica of the Maria Leczinsky-Sancy neclet, £2,000.

The electric bicycle has at last been perfected—of course, by a Yankee. It is described as light and speedy, and gives every promise of perfect success. Taking a wheel weighing 27lbs., Mr. James O'Brien, inventor of the electric bicycle, has added a battery, motor, and switchboard, which together bring the weight up to 60lbs. The battery, which is known as the dry chloride, is the main part of Mr. O'Brien's invention. Its weight is about 15lbs., which is considerably less than anything used in previous experiments. With this battery a force can be maintained which will carry the bicycle over rough country roads, up hill and down hill, for a period of forty-eight hours. The speed of the electric bicycle is practically unlimited. It has been tested up to nearly fifty miles an hour, faster than which no one has yet dared to try it.

The United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has agreed to the Bill for the construction of a United States-Hawaii-Japan cable, and authorises the Postmaster-General to contract with any Company to lay the cable, the subsidy not to exceed one hundred and sixty thousand dollars yearly. Mr. Frye reported to the Senate the action of the Foreign Relation Committees regarding the Pacific cable. The report declares that the Hawaiian cable is demanded by the exigencies of commerce. It refers to the importance of Pearl Harbour and the necessity for telegraphic communication with Hawaii, to direct the operations of the Pacific Fleet in case of war. Moreover, in the event of the severance of peaceful relations with Great Britain, communications by way of Nova Scotia would be immediately cut off and the United States would be dependent upon the cable from Brazil to Portugal. The cost of the cable is estimated at three million four hundred thousand dollars, and the maintenance at five hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars yearly for the first five years. The Bill provides that the cable shall continue under the supervision of the Postmaster-General. The report contends that the contract secures for the United States better control than a mere grant, while giving an increased aspect of stability.

Sir W. Harcourt, speaking, on May 13, at Tredegar, discussed at length the Education Bill, which (he said) came as a surprise in the form in which it was introduced. The bill was bad in its principles, and worse in its details. It would retard the progress of education, and promote the conflict of sects and creeds. The second reading had been carried by a great majority, but the opposition would fight it harder clause by clause. He contended that granting relief to agricultural rates was a wrong principle of finance ; one remission ought to be shared alike by all classes of the country. With regard to South African affairs he was sorry to say that the Transvaal raid was now proved to be a plan long devised, started by a stock jobbing syndicate, and that the leader who conceived and carried it out was the Prime Minister of a Colony. Mr. Chamberlain seemed to have lost his courage, when he said that the question of Mr. Rhodes's resignation was a matter for the Chartered Company. Surely the honour of England was at stake. There never was a time when it was more necessary for the Liberal party to stand together to defend the principles of progress and peace.

What with wars and rumours of wars, the Parliamentary session, the muzzling order, the opening of the Hotel Cecil, and the discovery of the X rays, the meteor industry has been rather depressed of late, says the *Globe*, but we are interested to observe that the right little, tight little island of Cyprus has developed an aerolite no whit inferior to that which terrified Madrid a few months ago. According to Dr. Washburn, who relates his experiences in the correspondence columns of one of our contemporaries, a brilliant meteor, burst one evening recently just over the island. "The sight was so startling that those who saw the meteor did not notice the sound of the explosion, but several persons noticed the explosion who did not see the meteor." This reminds one of Artemus Ward's notice :—"You can't go in without paying, but you can pay without going in."

Tenders for the Eastern Mail Service, that is between England and India, Australia, China and the Straits, are to be submitted by the 7th July. The English Post Office has communicated with the Government of India as to the terms on which the tenders should be framed, and views as to this side have been submitted. After the tenders have been received, this Government will be further consulted on the matter. The Government of India have asked that tenders for a linked service between Aden and Karachi shall also be invited. In this way some estimate can be formed of the probable cost of such a service, and a decision as to its practicability can be arrived at.

THE POLICY OF CONCILIATION IN GOA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GOA, MAY 30.

The general amnesty granted by the Duke of Oporto has had a soothing effect on the troubled political atmosphere. Yesterday, however, some roughs, assuming the name of Ranes, captured ten traders in the fair at Banastarim, and would not let them go without payment of some ransom money ; but as soon as the news of the amnesty reached them, they released them without any molestation. The amnesty is very favourable to the original deserters, who, according to the intention of the Proclamation, will be received back without any penalty except the forfeiture of pay from the time of the desertion up to the date of joining—so with the view of rejoining their Regiment, many of the deserters have been coming to Pangim. Mr. Napoles, the Administrator, who was in Pangim, has returned to his province, and has called the Ranes to see him. It is hoped that some difficulties on minor points will be settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

His Excellency Senhor Neves Ferreira has inaugurated his Government with a notification which will give satisfaction to the peace-loving people and spread terror among the ruffians who made robbery and depredation their trade. The following is the text of the notification :—

His Most Serene Highness Senhor Infante D'Affonso Henrique Duke of Oporto, moved by benign impulses of his generous heart, and using the authorisation of his Majesty the King, has granted, by an order of 27th May, amnesty to the individuals implicated in the late military revolt in India, according to the most noblest traditions that have ever distinguished the illustrious members of the Royal family, which is always loved and respected by the Portuguese people. After this act of magnanimity, it being necessary to repress by the most severe means any attempt or endeavour calculated to foster depredations, robberies, violences and crimes like those that were perpetrated soon after the revolt, it is hereby determined that all the Civil Authorities and Commandants of Military forces are ordered to shoot down immediately any individual who may be captured with arms in hand or in flagrant crime of attempt against any person or property belonging to others, allowing him only time enough to prepare himself to receive the last religious succours according to the respective creed of the individual, if they could be administered within twenty-four hours, the same authorities and the Commandants having nothing to pre-occupy themselves in respect to the race, religion, quality or social position of the individual captured. Should this order be not strictly enforced, the Civil Authorities and the Commandants of the Military forces will be at once dismissed and arrested, being answerable to a War Council, no matter under whatever excuse they may procure to justify the non-execution of this order.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A KHOJA MERCHANT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—As the report published in your issue of to-day, under the heading "Charge of forgery and perjury against a Khoja merchant," relating to the prosecution of Kassamali Alliruza, by Mr. Surrosh K. R. Cama, is not correct, and might create some misapprehension, we are instructed by our client, Mr. Surrosh K. R. Cama, the complainant, to write you in reference thereto. What really happened is as follows :—Mr. Mirza Hossein Khan, who was the next witness for the prosecution, was not present when the case was taken up, and had sent a word that he would come to court in a few minutes. Mr. Hemming, the solicitor for the accused, stated to his Worship that the accused wished to make a statement, and suggested that it might be taken. Mr. Dharamsi, who appeared for the complainant, said he had no objection to the court taking down the accused's statement at that stage. Thereupon the magistrate took down the statement, in the course of which the accused stated that he did not pay any moneys to the complainant, nor did he take from him the receipt, which was charged to be a forgery. After this statement, the complainant, who had no desire to be in any way vindictive towards the accused, and who was compelled to proceed in consequence of the suggestion hitherto put forward on behalf of the defence that moneys had been paid to him, instructed his solicitor not to press the charge, the accused being an old man. Mr. Dharamsi thereupon intimated to his Worship that after the statement made by the accused the complainant had no desire to proceed, and did not wish to lead any further evidence. The magistrate said that if no further evidence was adduced, and if the complainant stopped his case where it was, if (the magistrate) did not think that he should commit the case to the Sessions, as it was likely that a jury would not convict. The accused was thereupon discharged. Any person not acquainted with what actually occurred would be misled by the report as published by you into thinking that the complainant had closed his case, and the magistrate had given his decision and come to the conclusion that the complainant's case had broken down in cross-examination.—Yours, &c.,

THAKURDAS, DHARAMSI, AND CAMA.

June 4.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAILS.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Sutlej, Captain A. Symons, will sail, to-day, for London and Brindisi, with the English mails and the following passengers :—

FOR LONDON.

Aitken, Mr D E
Brown, Mr, Mrs and 3 children
Caulfield, Capt C T
Churchward, Mrs
Farmer, Vety-Lieut Y
Grieve, Mr J
Hudson, Surg-Capt T C
Henson, Miss
Lambert, Mr W R
Mooney, Capt J
Oldfield, Mr E P
Shaw, Mr P
Swann, Miss G
Wright, Mr H
Wright, Mr F A

FOR BRINDISI.

Buchanan, Surg-Capt A
Bexfield, Mr J J
Carroll, Mr E B
Caulfield, Capt C F
Dorasecal, Mr D P
Gutteridge, Revd V T
Haslope, Revd L M
Hardcastle, Capt
Montanaro, Col A
Malden, Rev C H
Nelson, Capt F Y
Seidlitz, Baron
Wadia, Mr K H
Young, Mr T G

FOR PORT SAID.—Rickmers, Mr, Mrs and valet.

The following passages have been engaged :—

Per s. s. Shannon, Captain E Crew, 12th June, 1896.
For London—Mr J W Field ; Mrs Field and two infants, daughter and son ; Miss Cunningham ; Mrs Fairweather ; Miss Larger ; Mr and Mrs P H Martyr ; and Miss L Anderson.
For Brindisi—Major-Genl Tomkins ; Mr W R Williams and Mr. E R Daugerfield.

Per s. s. Ganges, Captan T F Creery, 19th June, 1896.
For London—Mr F P Anderson.
For Brindisi—Mr E Bolian ; and Mr J H Esteve

Per s. s. Peninsular, Captain B F Briscoe, 26th June, 1896.
For London—Mr and Mrs Hawkins ; Mr and Mrs Taylor ; Mr J R Muconochie ; Surg-Capt and Mrs Carr Sprague ; Mr and Mrs Palmer and child ; Mrs Kirwood ; Mr F F Major ; Mr Borrodaile ; Mr H Mck Mitchel ; Mr T Crighton ; Capt and Mrs Dods ; Mr R H Williams and Mr J B Buchanon.
For Brindisi—Col E Brooke Anderson ; Lieut F H Pigon ; Mr A Fox ; Capt Holland ; Mr L E Firth ; Mr H P W Lincoln ; and Mrs F N Wright

Per s. s. Sutlej, Captain A Symons, 3rd July, 1896.
For London—Surg-Lieut S E Falconer ; Surg-Lieut-Col Walker ; Surg-Col C A Atkins ; and Mr H R Warner.

Per s. s. Thames, Captain W J Nantes, 10th July, 1896.
For Brindisi—Mr R A Cordner and Rev C W Hume
For London—Rev T Harris ; Col and Mrs M Bowers ; Capt Fitz Soedy and Mr Dick Lauder

Per s. s. Ganges, Captain F F Creery, 17th July, 1896.
For Brindisi—Mr R Clare ; Mr W Ross ; Mr Boyle ; and Mr Berkeley ; Surg-Major Dobson ; and Lieut Coldstream
For London—Mr and Mrs P McDougall

Per s. s. Caledonia, Capt W B Andrews, 24th July, 1896.
For Marseilles—Mr F H Andrews and friend ; Mr H Stewart ; Mr D F J Powell ; Major C Graunt ; Mr C F Knyvett ; Mr G M Ryan ; Mr and Mrs Mackworth Young, infant and child ; Vety Lieut Col R E Queripel and son ; Mr and Mrs Godfrey ; Mr J S Meston ; Mr H W J Bagnell ; Miss Grant ; and Brig Genl E R Ellis
For Brindisi—Mr and Mrs F W Francis and child ; Miss Stevenson ; Capt J R Birch ; Mr H C Robertson ; Mr Alexander ; Lieut F F Badlock ; Mr B P Milsom ; Lieut O Stewart-Wynne ; Mr and Mrs French and infant ; Col and Mrs Bigg Wither ; Mr E Penny ; Capt J R B Sergeant ; and Mr and Mrs Buyers.
For London (via Marseilles)—Two Misses Major ; Mr J P Hewett ; and Mrs Hill

Per s. s. Carthage, 7th August, 1896.
For Brindisi—Mr B Robertson ; Mr Giles ; and Mr J M Campion.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

	Byculla. In. Cts.	Esplade. In. Cts.	Fort. In. Cts.	Colaba. In. Cts.
Previously registered.....	3 03	2 97	3 7	0 65
Thursday, June 4th	0 40	0 10	0 8	1 55
Total..	3 43	3 7	3 15	2 20

Rainfall at Byculla registered from 8 p. m. to 8 p. m. ; at the Esplanade and Fort from 8 a. m. to 8 a. m. ; and at Colaba from 6 a. m. to 6 a. m.

MILITARY NEWS.

The Provost Marshal, Malakand Brigade, is to be granted an extra allowance of Rs. 100 a month, with effect from the 1st February last.

Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Bienkinsop, Madras Medical Service, has been appointed to officiate as an Administrative Medical Officer with the temporary rank of Surgeon-Colonel, vice Surgeon-Colonel S. B. Hunt, who has been appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command.

The undermentioned officers have been appointed probationers for the Indian Staff Corps : Lieutenants F. E. Coningham, Border Regiment ; A. C. Watt, Middlesex Regiment ; A. H. Turnig, Royal Fusiliers ; Second-Lieutenants A. R. C. Savile, Royal West Surrey Regiment ; C. A. Smith, Essex Regiment ; T. K. Gaskell, Royal Fusiliers ; D. A. D. McVean, Manchester Regiment.

POLO IN SIMLA.

The final in the Simla Polo Tournament was played off on Tuesday, in the presence of a large gathering of interested spectators. The weather was unpleasant, as the atmosphere was one mass of dust, and gusts of wind blew clouds of dust across the ground. The match was between the Lucknow team, comprising Captains Apthorp, Dallas and Gough, and the Viceregal Staff, comprising Major Turner and Captains Morley and the Hon. De Montmorency. The umpires were Majors Allason and Sherston. The play was excellent and evoked repeated plaudits from the pavilion. It was the best game of the tournament. For half the game both teams made score for score, and at the conclusion of the first period the score stood : Lucknow two goals and one subsidiary to the Staff's two goals. The play continued almost even to the middle of the second-period and then the Staff fell away, their ponies being done to a turn. One of them indeed practically played one pony all through the game. At the conclusion of the second period the score stood in favour of Lucknow with six goals and one subsidiary to three goals and one subsidiary. In the third and final period the Staff pulled themselves together, Major Turner especially doing brilliant work and they got two more goals while Lucknow added a like number of goals and another subsidiary, winning the tournament by a fine organised play by eight goals and two subsidiaries to five goals and one subsidiary.

BOMBAY SEASON REPORTS.

The following Season Reports, for the week ending 2nd June, were published in yesterday's "Bombay Government Gazette" :—

Karachi.—River at Kotri on 1st, 15 feet 5 inches against 13 feet 6 inches on same date last year. Strong monsoon winds blowing. Division of rabi crops progressing. Harvesting of spring crops nearly over. Preparations for kharif crops continue and seed germinated in places. Young plants in Jati Taluka withered for want of water. Agricultural stock in fair condition except in Kohistan Taluka, where fodder is very scarce.

Shikarpur.—River of good average height. Cattle in poor condition. Fodder very scarce.

Hyderabad.—River rising steadily. Division of rabi produce continues. Preparations for kharif cultivation general. Cattle in fair condition.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Slight rain on 1st. Rabi crops harvested. Fodder scarce in three talukas. Cattle good except in two talukas.

Thar and Parkar.—Insufficiency of water in Mithrau. Cattle suffering from scarcity of grass.

Ahmedabad—(For week ending 30th May 1896).—Land being manured for early kharif crops. Fodder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock in good condition. Prices continue normal.

Panch Mahals.—Preparation of lands for next season continues. Agricultural stock in good condition. Fodder supply sufficient.

Kaira—(For week ending 30th May 1896).—Fields being manured. Fodder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock healthy. Prices continue normal.

Surat.—For week ending 30th May 1896).—Land being prepared for monsoon cultivation. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Prices continue normal.

Khandesh.—Rain for week average in the district 1 inch 49 cents. Preparation of land for monsoon crops continues. Fodder insufficient in taluka Sindkheda. Prices continue normal.

Nasik—(For week ending 1st June 1896).—Rain for week 45 cents. Lands being prepared for monsoon crops. Prospects and probable outturn of crops fair. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock fair. Prices of food-grains normal.

Colaba (Bombay).—Rain on 28th, 1st and 2nd, total of week 0·60 inch, total from 1st January 0·95, being 0·80 below average. Abnormal temperature 2° warm on 27th, 28th, 29th, 31st and 1st, 3° warm on 30th, and nil on 2nd. Vapour in air excessive throughout the week. Abnormal wind from south-south-east from 27th to 29th, strong on 29th ; from north-north west on 1st and from north-north-east on 2nd : wind normal on 30th and 31st. Thunder-storm on 28th ; lightning from 29th to 1st ; thunder and lightning on 2nd.

Thana.—Rain at Thana 99 cents, in talukas maximum at Bhiwndi 91, minimum at Mahim 50 cents. Preparations for monsoon rice crops in progress. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Prices continue normal.

Kolaba.—Rain maximum 1 inch 82 cents at Roha, minimum 3 cents at Mangaon ; nonejat Mahad. Rab burning nearly completed. Sowing commenced in places. Fodder supply and agricultural stock good.

Ratnagiri.—Slight rain everywhere, maximum 1 inch 55 cents at Chiplun, minimum 7 cents at Rajapur. Rab burning finished. Sowing operations, commenced. Cattle good except in Rajapur and Sangameshvar talukas.

Poona.—Rain for week at Poona 2 inches 41 cents, for season 7 inches 23 cents ; rain during week throughout the district, maximum 4 inches 54 cents at Sirur, minimum 2 cents at Indapur. Lands being prepared throughout the district for monsoon cultivation. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock fair. Prices continue normal.

Ahmednagar.—Rain in eight talukas, maximum 32 cents at Shrigonda, minimum 6 cents at Nagar ; for season maximum 2 inches 35 cents at Jamkhed, minimum 6 cents at Nevasa. Preparation of lands for sowing in progress throughout the district. Fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Jowari dearer in two talukas.

Sholapur—(For week ending 30th May 1896).—Rain for week at Barsi 60, Madha 5, Karmala 42, Panhharpur 54, Sangola 25 and Malsiras 52 cents ; none at Sholapur. Land being prepared for next season. Fodder sufficient. Agricultural stock in good condition. Slight rise in the price of jowari in Barsi, Madha and Pandharpur talukas, and fall in Karmala Taluka.

Satara.—Rain in all talukas except Karad. Preparation of land continues.

Bijapur.—Rain throughout district, maximum 2 inches 98 cents at Indi, minimum 7 cents at Bagewadi. Preparation of land for next season in progress. Fodder and water-supply sufficient. Prices normal.

Belgaum.—Rain throughout the district, maximum 2 inches at Hukeri, minimum 53 cents at Parasgad. Sowing of early crops commenced. Fodder and agricultural stock in good condition. Prices normal.

Kanara.—Rain from 15 cents to 3 inches 55 cents in ten talukas. Sowing of early crops in Dharwar and Bankapur talukas commenced.

Kanara.—Light rain throughout district, maximum 1 inch 99 cents at Karwar, minimum 4 cents at Siddapur. Preparations for monsoon crops in progress. Sowing commenced in some places. Gardens doing well. Agricultural stock good.

Rajkot.—Total fall of rain 16 cents. Cultivation of soil in progress. Weather hot and cloudy.

Wadhwan.—Rain 43 cents. Weather very hot and sometimes cloudy. Fodder and water sufficient.

Baroda.—Agricultural stock and standing crops fair. Scarcity of fodder and water in parts of Navsari Division. Land being prepared for monsoon cultivation.

UNDELIVERED LETTERS.

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Barlow, L, Miss
Bronwer, Louiza
Bruce, Miss
Bluckett, Walter S
Burgess, H, of Broxton
Binning, B B
Baharmud Daula Bahadur
Barrett, W J, Nawab of Hyd, Dec
Chusel, Gusta
Comoy, J F
Cama, F B, Messrs
Clementson, Mr
Campbell, Sybil, Miss
Dennis, Wm
D'Ujhgli, G E, Mrs
Duck, Mr
Douglas, S W, Lt
Elliott, Jessie
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Fryer, Chas S
Fraun, H Otto
Florence, Madame
Fakher, August
Fernandez, Andrew Carlos
Grinstein, Eli
Groves, J W, Mrs
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Grandies, Georges
Gibson, Miss
Graham, H E Bellingham
Gould, Alfred, Mr
Hagart, Mrs
Haramann, Lucy
Hainan Alexis
Hawes, F
Headon, W
Hunter, W Y (1st Batt 8th King's Regt)
Ishnari Persad
Jost, Steffie, Miss
Kroo, Irma
Kintzig, Jean
Kelly, Mrs
Khanbuner, M
Kunurudin Ishabhai
Kelly, E S, Miss (I N S)
Koch, Helene Prince
Krishna Pillay.
King, J G
Leslie, C D, Mr
Lewis, John
Lidstone, C A
Lubbert, H L
Murray, F
Milchic, A
Murray, S H
Martin, P R
Moore, D
Miles, W
Martin, F
Martin, Henry
Mercik, C H
Marco, Juan
Nishigawa, Mr and Mrs
Nichol, Mrs
Narayan Singh (late Sepoy, 19th P Inf)
Nevill, Charles R
Pedroza, Surgeon-Lieut-Col
Piccivilli, O
Percival, Lianel
Phelps, E L
Price, F G S
Quittzhan, Rudolf
Rabatnik, Soloman
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Ram Bux
Rankin, I R L
Ramard, Monsi'allie.
Robertson, F J
Rawson, F
Rittener, T
Ramachary, T
Stanley, P
Scott, Joseph
Salay, Emerich
Sylvester, C F
Sandeman, Ewd W
Shamafield, Albert
Startin, G B
Swayne, Alfred H
Salkeld, Wm
Scott, H H, Lieut
Sykes, Henry
Thimett, A J
Thorp, Eva, Miss
Tupaki, Ramacharia
Turner, H G
Thompson, Wm Samuel
Vanghan R E, Lt
Walley, F St Geo
Wischinevsky, Baris
Wood, Cecil
Wilson, W A
Weallens, Mrs
Walmesly, Johnnie
Wendt, R
Warkention, Wm
Wilkins, W, Mrs
Wichersham, W C
Ward, J
Watson, L P

JAPAN AND ITS NEEDS.

BRITISH TRADE PROSPECTS.

Sir E. Satow in forwarding to Lord Salisbury from Tokio a report of Vice-Consul Longford on the Foreign Trade of Japan says the great expansion which has taken place in recent years in the volume of that trade of Japan, the increasing wealth of the people, the rapid development of manufacturing industries,

prises nearly the whole of French Switzerland, including such well-known cities as Geneva, Lausanne, Vevay, Clarens, and Montreux. These places are largely affected by Americans, and in Geneva there is a large and permanent American colony. In the tourist season, from May 1 to November 1, there are often as many as five hundred American tourists in Geneva at one time. These travellers all know that there is a consul here, and I speedily discovered that the majority of them regard the consulate, merely as a bureau of information.

But let us look at the consular routine. I shall set down here only actual episodes and experiences. It is a hot August day. An elderly lady, blowing like a small tugboat, puffs into the consulate and casts anchor near the consular desk. The elderly lady is evidently "real mad," and although I am innocent of having offended her, she looks at me with great severity. "Can you tell me," she asks, suspiciously "if in going from Geneva to Paris to night my baggage will be examined again by those stupid custom-house officers?" "Presumably it will, madame," I replied. "Well, it's a shame," observes the lady, majestically, "and if you are over here representing the American people you ought to have it stopped. I have had my baggage examined four times since I left Baden Baden. Last night, at the Italian frontier, they threatened to boil my clothes because I had been in Hamburg, where there is said to be cholera. This morning at Geneva they seemed to be actually searching my trunk for microbes. Why, sir," and the lady grew absolutely splendid in her indignation, "I have never had the cholera in my whole life." "I do not believe you have, madame," I replied, soothingly. "Well, then, sir," she continued, majestically, "if you are the representative of the American people, why don't you protect me? I am an American lady, sir. I am entitled to protection. I request you, sir, to order those brutes not to go through my trunk again. I am not a smuggler, and I am not distributing cholera germs, and I want those ruffians to let me alone."

I knew it would be useless to reason with this excellent female, and so I tried diplomacy. "Alonzo," I said, in business-like tones, to my gifted secretary, "make a note of this affair and report it at once." Alonzo had no idea to whom he was to make his report, but he took copious notes, and the lady went away presently in a better frame of mind. Two days afterward, I received a note from her in the following biting terms:—"Paris, August—, 189 Sir,—My trunk was examined as usual last night, and if possible, more rigidly than before. My opinion is that our so-called consuls are as "deceitful" as they are imcompetent. Yours, respectfully,——."

The consul at a great tourist centre, frequently becomes a baggage-master. Occasionally people, particularly women, are excessively unreasonable about such matters. It seldom occurs to them that it is not the consul's duty to look up their lost baggage, and that whatever he does for them in that direction is purely a voluntary service. I remember with particular amusement, the case of a middle-aged and well-dressed lady who came into my office last August and complained that her trunk had been lost somewhere between Turin and Geneva. "Well, madame," said I, "we will see if it can be found," and during the afternoon, I made inquiry both at the railway station and the custom-house for the missing trunk, but it could not be found, and I reported this fact to her at her hotel. The next morning, she sat again at the consulate and kept looking at me severely, demanded if I had yet received any news of her trunk. I told her I had not. Whereupon she brushed past me into my private office, took possession of an armchair, and said, in deep, tragic tones:—"Sir, I am in this town alone and unprotected, and as an American woman, I have the right to demand the services of an American consul. I shall not leave this office until you have found my trunk, if I have to sit here until judgment-day."

I have learned enough about women not to lose my patience even at this extraordinary declaration, and so I politely handed her a New York paper and told her to make herself perfectly at home. She sat for two hours without flinching and without speaking. Then she looked up at me defiantly and asked how long I thought she would have to stay there. "The consulate closes for the day at three o'clock" I replied, serenely. "But I shall not go then if my trunk is not found," she rejoined, with a glitter in her eye. "Very well, madame," I answered, gallantly, "I shall be very glad to leave you in possession of the consulate."

She sat stolidly silent for two hours longer, and then, much to my amazement, the excellent lady suddenly burst into a storm of tears, sobbing loudly, hysterically and dramatically. This was too much for me. Although there was still an hour before closing time, I told her I would go at once to the station and see if her trunk had arrived by the mid-day train. Fortunately it had, and within thirty minutes I was back with it on the top of a cab. The lady meanwhile had dried her tears; her manner, no longer defiant, had become sweet and gracious, and as she left the office, she said, very gently:—"Thank you, Mr. Consul. I am sorry if I have caused you any trouble." "Madame," said I, "you wept most opportunely." "I shall always know how to find my trunk hereafter," she replied, with a smile. Two days later, I received a very pleasant note from her and a pretty little souvenir spoon of Evian-les-Bains.

THE GROWTH OF HATS.

THE "Hatters' Gazette" says:—There is no authentic evidence that Adam or Eve wore a hat, even after the fall; nor is there anything to show that his descendants in the Jewish line, from Seth to Abraham, wore any sort of head covering, though the last-named patriarch is sometimes represented by the great masters of painting wearing a hat similar to the Venetian of the fourteenth century A.D. It is probable that the head-dress was first worn as a mark of rank, originating with the priests of ancient religions. The pictures found in the tombs of Egyptian kings, who lived long anterior to the time of Ramses II., who reigned about 1300 B.C., which is generally conseded to be the period of the Exodus, show many forms of fantastic headdress. As iron weapons came into use, the protective headdress developed, and was exemplified in the helmet or soldier's hat. The Greeks, in every day life, went bareheaded, but the warriors wore the helmet. It was made with an iron crown and a wooden framework, which held in place a big plume of bristles, a "Kayar brush," as sailors speak. The Roman soldiers wore much the same kind of helmet, with the exception of the plume, and the Roman civilians also went bare-headed to their every-day duties. The military hood of the twelfth century was a sort of helmet. It had a crown of solid iron, with a hood part made of chain mail covering the side of the face and neck. At the time that Boccaccio wrote his Decameron tales—1344 A.D.—a velvet cap, which originated in Genoa, was the fashion for the higher classes in all Southern Europe. It was ornamented with a band of pearls, and its most distinguishing feature was a plume in front made from the feathers of some tropical bird. The typical headdress of Italy at this time was of ecclesiastical design. A sort of under cap, made of fur, came down over the face and under the chin. It was worn with a red cloth hood outside.

Early in the fifteenth century, a tall hat with a truncated conical crown and a slight roll at the bottom for a brim be-came fashionable throughout all the Latin nations. The hat worn by Columbus at the end of the century was really a cap, and very similar to the sealskin or muskrat caps of the present day. The gentlemen of France at this time, and during the early part of the sixteenth century, wore the toquet. It was made of velvet, richly ornamented, a single sapphire set in the middle of the front, and a long feather plume waved gracefully across. Early in the sixteeth century the French gentlemen, headed by Henri Quatre, wore a sort of bonnet, which was made of lavender or purple velvet, with an ostrich plume in front. The Puritans of the reign of Charles I. adopted the steeple-crowned hat with a wide brim, while the cavaliers of the same era wore a lower and broader crown, with a feather in one side. The Quaker hat, low crowned, with a broad brim, dates from the foundation of the sect in the seventeenth century. After Charles I., the brims grew wide to extravagance, and many found it convenient to loop up the back and sides. This led to the cocked hat that was worn by gentlemen through the eighteenth century. At the beginning of the present century, the low crown hat with brim entirely superseded the style of Washington and the French Court, and this hat was undoubtedly the precursor of the plug hat. It was found that it was easily damaged, and it became necessary to make other head coverings of soft or hard felt, to knock about in, while the plug was saved for Sundays and state occasions. The derby and some of the varieties of the soft hat originated about this time.

THE Far East for many Londoners is the East End of their own city. At the Guildhall, the Alderman has heard summonses against a number of persons for illegally performing plays in "Yiddish" in an unlicensed house. There is, it seems, a whole Yiddish drama, written and acted by members of the Jewish colony, and witnessed with breathless interest by the children of the metropolitan Ghetto from all parts of the world. In the case in question, the performance was the "Jewish King Lear." The evidence showed that the piece was played to crowded houses—too crowded, for one reason why the City Solicitor pressed for a penalty was the danger of panic. He might have added that panic did once occur in a house of that sort, and that it led to frightful loss of life. In the present instance, no provision for accidents of the most dreadful description seemed wanting. The playhouse was but a long room on a first floor in Aldgate. It was only ten feet high; it was approached by a high wooden staircase; little more than a yard wide, and, on some occasions, it constituted a possible death trap for as many as a hundred persons. "The Jewish King Lear" performed in such a place might easily surpass the original in all the horrors of tragedy.

HOW THEY PAID THE MINISTER'S SALARY.

THE young ladies and gentlemen of the Epworth League in the village of Suffern, N.Y., have hit upon a new scheme for the purpose of raising money to pay the Methodist preacher's "back salary." Pastor Kieffer had accepted a call to another community. Before departing, suggested to his flock that he would like to have the money they owed him for back salary. As no one was generous enough to come forward with the whole sum, the Epworth League undertook to raise the money.

Mrs. T. Moore, Secretary of the League, has almost grown grey in devising schemes to raise money for charitable purposes in Suffern. Church fairs, she knew, were old. Barn parties were effete. Progressive euchre parties, surprise parties and sociables would not draw another cent from the pockets of the young men. Something new had to be devised. Mrs. Moore has never failed. The Epworth League gave a "foot party."

It took place one night lately. The prettiest girls in the village had arrayed themselves in all their finery. The young men had donned their Sunday clothes. The entertainment—that's what they called it—took place in the lecture room of the Methodist Church. A curtain had been drawn across the front of the platform and so arranged that it hung to within four inches of the platform. The young men were gathered in front of this curtain with their eyes glued to the open space at the bottom.

Mr. C. G. Wiley, a merchant of Suffern and a pillar of the church, was the auctioneer. Presently, one of the young women walked out upon the platform and the spectators beheld her feet.

"Now," said the auctioneer, "these feet will go to the highest bidder, and the purchaser will have the privilege of taking the possessor of the feet to supper."

"Ah-h-h-h!" murmured the young men.

"The identity of the feet," continued the auctioneer, "will not be revealed until the sale is over. Now, gentlemen, what will you bid for the feet that stand before you?"

"Ten cents," timidly ventured a youth.

"What! Only ten cents for those Tribies! Well, well, well! Ten—ten—ten—fifteen—that's right! Come along boys. When I was as young as you I'd never stop at fifteen cents for—twenty—good boy! Twenty—twenty—twenty! Any more bids? Are these delicately-curved Tribies going for only twenty cents? Shame! Just think of the poor girl's feelings! Going to supper with a young man who had only bid twenty cents for her feet!"

"Twenty-five, then!" said the same young man who had bid twenty, whereat the auctioneer smiled.

The first pair of feet finally went to this young man—who, by the way, had become considerably dazed—for twenty-five cents.

The young lady was Miss Frey, one of the bells of the village.

Then another pair of feet came out.

"Twenty-five!" instantly cried Charles White. A laugh went up.

"That's the way," said the auctioneer, encouragingly. "Bid as if you really wanted them. Now, just see the graceful curves—oh, dear!" In some unaccountable manner the curtain had jumped upward, revealing two pairs of black stockings and several curves that the auctioneer had not intended to refer to.

"Oh-h-h-h! Do it again!" cried the young men, but in the same mysterious fashion the curtain descended again. Now, the young ladies who were on the platform disclaim all responsibility for the mysterious rising and falling of the curtain, which happened several times during the evening. They say that they do not know who did it. Mrs. Moore declares most emphatically that it was not part of her programme. The auctioneer had nothing to do with it. It was, altogether, the most incomprehensible thing that ever happened in Suffern.

When the bidding became slow, half a dozen of the girls came upon the platform at one time, and stood in a row. "Now's your chance, boys," said the auctioneer. "We will begin with the feet at the extreme left. What am I bid for them?" "Twenty cents. Twenty—twenty—twenty! Any more? Those lovely feet going for twenty cents? Why, when I was young—that's right, twenty-five—twenty-five—twenty-five! Going—going—gone!"

It was Miss May Wiley, the daughter of the auctioneer. Then came a pair of feet with high insteps that created a burst of excitement in the room. "Thirty cents!" cried a young man. "Thirty-one!" shouted another. "Thirty two!" "Go it, boys!" exclaimed the auctioneer. That's the way to do it! Thirth-two—thirty-two—any more bids?" The bidding on these feet ran up to 50 cents and then paused. "Going—goin"—

"Fifty-one!" hastily cried the young man who had started the biding. And it caught the feet. The owner of these feet was Miss Belle Clay, one of the prettiest girls of the village, and the bid was the highest of the evening. The auctioneer found that high insteps aroused brisker bidding than flat ones. He also found that feet were absolutely no index to the nature or the appearance of the possessor, for some of the prettiest and most popular girls of the League went for ridiculously low sums.

When the sale was over there was a great deal of disappointment and a great deal of rejoicing. Some of the young men who had obtained feet to their bids found that they had won the very girl whom they had desired, while some that had allowed their enthusiasm to carry them above thirty cents found they had the wrong girl. Strange as it may seem, many of the ladies, whose feet brought large bids were elderly and far from beautiful, while in other instances, very pretty lassies had been "auctioned off" at the first bid.

Ever since then the girls have been kept busy telling every one that it was not they who raised the curtain.

THE TIDE WAVE.

MR. VAUGHAN CORNISH, M.Sc., in "Knowledge" writes:—The attraction of the moon or of the sun is equally exercised upon all parts of a sheet of water of such size as the Mediterranean, so that scarcely any tide wave is raised there; but in the Pacific Ocean, which is the chief cradle of the tides, the attraction of, say, the moon, is at any moment appreciably different in different parts, and the waters heap themselves up into a long, low hillock, which follows the moon in her apparent motion from east to west, traversing the ocean at vast speed as a free tide wave. Two such billows are formed by the moon in each twenty-four hours, for when the moon is on the opposite side of the earth the solid globe is pulled away from the waters, leaving them heaped up, so that the result is much the same as when the moon is overhead. The long, low billows which are formed by the moon's action in the equatorial regions where the ocean girdles the earth, travel on as free waves into the higher latitudes, penetrating every open sea and channel. These free tide waves run under the action of the earth's gravity, almost exactly in the same way that the solitary wave travels on in a canal when the motion of the canal boat has been arrested. Like the solitary wave formed in canals the tide wave is a long wave, for the moon's attraction being practically equal at the surface and at the bottom of the sea, the motion of the water particles is the same at the bottom and at the surface. The motion of the water is mainly a backward and forward swing, the vertical motion being very small compared with the horizontal motion. The rapidity with which such a wave travels when left to itself—or rather to the force of earth's gravity—depends upon the depth of the channel, because the deeper the channel the smaller is the quantity of water which has to be transmitted through each unit of cross section in order to maintain the hillock upon the surface. In the deep waters of the open ocean the height of the tide billow is very small—say, from one to three feet. As the wave approaches the shallowing slope of the shore the front of the billow is retarded while the hinder parts press on, and the height of the wave is thereby increased. The height of the wave is also increased when it reaches a narrowing channel in which the billow is laterally compressed. The highest tides are not in the open ocean where the tides are generated, but in the distant channels, bays, and inlets, where the tide wave penetrates after the moon has left it to run its course.

Once every twelve hours, as we have seen, the moon raises a billow and drives or drags it forward as a pulse of water in the southern oceans, much as the heart, in its rhythmic beat, drives the blood-pulse into the arteries. But, whereas the blood-pulse runs the whole length of the artery, and is lost in the capillaries before the next stroke of the heart sends out a second pulse, the tide wave, on the other hand, has not reached the most distant shores when the next succeeding pulse of water is set going by the moon. The tide wave of which the crest may round the Cape of Good Hope at noon, travels up the west coast of Africa and reaches the Azores about midnight. By this time it is followed by a second pulse, which is now rounding the Cape. It is four o'clock in the morning before the crest of the first wave has reached the entrance of the English Channel, where the shallower water makes it travel slower. It takes another six hours to run the lenght of the Channel, reaching the Straits of Dover at 10 A.M., where the height of the wave is considerable, owing, partly, to the narrowing of the Channel. Thus, at Dover the water rises twenty-one feet, and this occurs at Dover about six hours after the wave crest passed the Land's End. Now, the next incoming tide billow on its way from the Southern Ocean has not yet got as far as the Azores, and the water at the entrance to the Channel is at low level—this being, in fact, the position of the trough between two succeeding tide billows. Therefore, when we have the water heaped up (and pent up, too, for the Straits are narrow) near Dover, the water being low at the other end of the Channel, the action of the earth's gravity sets a long wave travelling back from Dover towards the Land's End; and this is the ebb tide in the English Channel. The time which a free long wave takes to travel the length of the Channel being about six hours, the return wave will at 4 p.m. have emptied the Channel of nearly as much water as was sent in by the tidal billow.

MARRIAGE AND CYCLING.

IN an article, in the "Woman" Harry Adney says:—There was a time when girls made themselves conspicuous by riding alone in a hansom cab. To-day they are independent even of the horse-and-driver accompaniment, and can mount and dismount their steeds without the help of man. In the cycling woman I fancy I see a further development of the bachelor woman, not because cycling is peculiar to the single state, but because it engenders that form of independence which enables a girl to foresee the possibilities of enjoying life without any definite prospect of marriage. Far be it from me to admire the woman who despises married life in the abstract; but I, in common, I believe, with many of my sex, have the greatest admiration for any girl who would rather remain single than run the risk of an unhappy marriage, and it cannot be denied that a considerable proportion of marriages tend to unhappiness. There is a great difference between accepting a husband merely in order not to remain single, and accepting one for the sake of spending the remainder of one's life with a particular man—a difference the importance of which few girls appreciate.

Many girls, alas! through the improvidence or misfortune of parents, are driven to marriage as the only means of living, but these are happily on the decrease. Conscientious and far-seeing fathers are beginning to realise that their first duty is to provide for their daughters, and the number of young women of the middle-class who inherit incomes sufficient for self-support are obviously increasing, and year by year we see girls adopting professions by which they may earn an independent livelihood. And this spirit of independence is the outcome of strength of character by which the average girl of the future, at an age when the average girl of the past only looked upon a man as the embodiment of possible matrimony, will be capable of cultivating a special comradeship with and influencing men without flirting with or marrying them. In the London girl this comradeship, accompanied by a sense of security on both sides, is already very marked, and the healthy-minded, high-spirited, sensible, "good sort" of girl will, I hope and believe, gradually develop throughout the country.

The present-time mental and physical training of the daughter eminently prepares her for the ideal bachelor girlhood; and not necessarily a permanent bachelor, but just so much of one that she can afford to wait until the right man turns up, and can recognise him when he does, or, if he does not turn up at all, can afford to live happily without him—or the wrong man. It also cultivates resources mental and physical by which she can enjoy a single life, without experiencing that bitterness of heart which has distinguished the "old maid" of the past. We shall see more genuine comradeship not only between men and women, irrespective of wives and husbands, but between women and women. And when a man marries a bachelor woman of thirty years, he will find in her far more that is calculated to make his home happy than he would have found in the frivolous, empty-headed, pretty-faced girl of twenty in the past. Mental and physical apathy engender inward bitterness and outward ugliness, healthy exercise and mental culture the reverse, and we already see in the girl of twenty-five, or the woman of thirty, as much physical attractiveness as we have been accustomed to see in the girl of twenty, indebted to cycling, golfing, and rowing, and a higher standard of education, do not question whether women "should" marry, but whether they "must"; that is to say, whether marriage should be the great object of a girl's ambition. That marriage is the ideal state of woman after a certain age I have no doubt, but that it should be the necessary state—irrespective of the consequences of marriage—every right-minded man and woman must deny. Unhappily few of the latter sex realise, and Mrs. Moore declares most emphatically that it was not part of her programme. The auctioneer had nothing to do with it. It was, altogether, the most incomprehensible thing that ever happened in Suffern.

INCIDENTS IN PARLIAMENT.

IN the midst of political strife, of fierce verbal wrangling and hot party feeling, there now and then occurs in the House of Commons some incident, trifling in itself, perhaps, when weighed against the business of the national Assembly, but so surcharged with humour as to plunge the House into a rolling sea of laughter. At other times a simple scene, permeated with pathos has a change in a moment stern hearts to tender, and to bring tears into the eyes of men which a moment before had had nothing but flashes of anger in them.

Under the former category comes a very funny incident, that happened some four or five years ago. There was under discussion at the time a motion connected with some question of postal reform, and a full house had mustered to hear a certain member, an authority on the subject, deliver a speech in support of the proposition. Duly the turn of the eminent member came. He rose, doffed his hat, and commenced his speech. Amid a respectful silence, he delivered his carfully carved phrases leading portentously up to his first point. He had been speaking for about two minutes, and was in the middle of an exceptionally intellectual sentence, when suddenly from behind him there spread a ripple of laughter. Thinking this was in no way occasioned by himself, the eminent member continued his advocation of postal reform. But as he went on, he found that the more impressive his remarks, the more general the laughter grew. The orator turned red. Mr. Speaker sternly called for order. Nothing, however, seemed able to check the hilarity of the honorable members present, or rather that section of them seated behind the gentleman who was on his feet. The members opposite were solemn enough, and indeed looked puzzled at the unusual spectacle of the orator's own party laughing at him. The postal reformer valiantly went on with his speech, deaf to continual bursts of laughter ringing among the members. Evidently something very funny must have occurred to occasion so prolonged an outburst. But it was not till he sat down that the speaker learnt what it was. It was then discovered that during the time he had been advocating postal reform, four penny stamps had attached themselves to his absolutely bald head. Just before entering the House the speaker had placed the stamps in the lining of his hat. Somehow they had slipped down and attached themselves to his shiny pate. This ludicrous incident had the effect of completely stultifying the really able speech which the member had delivered.

Here is another—a different scene. Controversy had been the order of the day at Westminster, and high feelings had reigned. A member was making an eloquent speech, occasioning cheers from his party, and counter-cheers from his opponents. Presently, an attendant attracted the orator's attention. The latter paused and took a telegram which the attendant handed to him. He read it, turned pale, and reeled a little. A moment before he had been flushed with the pride of triumphant debate, and had swayed the House with his words. Now he was dumbfounded, white, and trembling. The House looked on, waiting for him to resume his unfinished speech. But the member only rose and murmured in a broken voice: "Mr. Speaker, I say no more. I have finished." Immediately after he left the House, to the utter amazement of everyone present. Ten minutes later everyone knew the reason. The telegram had been sent by his wife stating that their only daughter had met with a severe accident and was on the point of death. At once the whole demeanour of the House changed. All the bitterness of feeling which the debate had occasioned immediately changed to feelings of genuine sympathy and commiseration.

A little thing will often make sern men weep. A member of Parliament recounts how on one occasion Mr. Gladstone, having forgotten his glasses, tried in vain to read some notes he had prepared. He struggled for a time with his eyes close to the paper, but in vain. With a gentle, pathetic smile he handed the paper to Mr. John Morley to read. Trifling and laid as the incident may appear, it had the effect of reducing the majority of those present to a state bordering on tears.

THE *Madras Mail* much regrets to have to announce the death at Ootacamund on Tuesday morning of Mr. Rhodes Morgan, F.Z.S., District Forest Officer, aged 43. Mr. Morgan joined the Service in August, 1870, when he was posted to the Kurnool District, and he subsequently worked in the Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Malabar, Nilgiri and Tinnevelly Districts. In 1887 he was placed on special duty in connection with certain Forest Appeals in the Courts of Tellicherry and Calicut, and afterwards on similar duty in connection with Forest Settlement. The deceased had been in a precarious state of health for some time, and but faint hopes were latterly entertained of his recovery. He was suffering from fever and liver complaint contracted in Central Africa, and underwent two operations, but unfortunately without avail.

ONE of the neatest things in carriage accidents, writes the *Asian*, occurred during the storm last Wednesday evening:—As Mr. E. A. Woodhouse was being driven through Wood Street, a large tree, uprooted by the storm, fell across the road, and just missing the coachman by inches, fell with a tremendous crash on the roof of the office gharry, completely smashing it, while two-thirds of one side and both doors were sent flying into the road. The weight of the tree caused the fore-carriage of the gharry to collapse, and, of course, everything was brought up "with a round turn" as they say in the Navy. The wonderful part of the affair is that, though most of the conveyance was particularly reduced to splinters, Mr. Woodhouse escaped with a few bruises, the coachman received nothing but a jar to his nerves, while the horse was in no way damaged, we believe.

A STARTLING STORY OF CRIME.

CHIEF OF POLICE AS LEADER OF THIEVES AND MURDERERS.

The murder of Mdme. Herry at Ixelles, near Brussels, towards the end of April, has led to the exposure and capture of as dangerous a band of criminals as ever disgraced the capital of a country. At the time it occurred the murder was looked upon as a profound mystery, and, as usual, the solution came in a haphazard but startling manner. Some days after the crime six bonds were sold to a Brussels money-changer named M. Raes, by a man of elegant exterior, who gave the name of Lefebvre, and said he was an artillery officer. In due course a description of the man was circulated, and a number of anonymous letters were received by the authorities, denouncing a well known personage, who for a long period had occupied a position in the Brussels police equivalent to that of superintendent in London, and who had retired on a pension. These letters were looked upon as the outcome of spite and cast contemptuously aside by all, save one, a minor member of the police force. This man had long nourished secret doubts as to the integrity of the person in question. He got a portrait of the ex-commissioner—wherein that functionary appeared in full uniform surrounded by many colleagues—and called on the money changer. The latter, albeit with unfeigned astonishment, unhesitatingly recognised the vendor of the bonds, but it was not until a good deal of official incredulity had been overcome that it was resolved to arrest the ex-police officer, whose name was Alexandre Courtois.

THE ARREST.

The arrest was effected under singular circumstances. Four of the chiefs of the Belgian police went to Courtois house. He was out, and they waited. When Courtois arrived he was dunk, but even in that condition he tried, unsuccessfully, to destroy a paper which he drew from his pocket. Too intoxicated to be questioned then, he was locked up until the next day, when at first he haughtily professed indignation at even being suspected. Eventually, however, he confessed to having sold the bonds, but denied participation in the murder of Madame Herry. The ball had, however, been set rolling, and after the fifth of May arrest succeeded arrest, and new crime after new crime was added to the list against Courtois and his band. It soon became apparent that during the time the former occupied the position of superintendent of police he was actually arranging for robberies on a large scale, using his official position to find out how these could be best planned and executed.

A DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

A dramatic incident is associated with Courtois arrest. During the first inquiries the police called on a woman living in the Rue de Phanthropie, Brussels, one of whose relatives is now in prison through a conviction obtained by Courtois. On hearing of his arrest the woman exclaimed, "At last justice has been done," and fell back stone-dead, overcome with joy. The relative had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having accused Courtois of being implicated in the theft of the Countess of Flanders' jewels. It may be added that evidence which may identify Courtois with the actual murder of Mdme. Herry has been discovered and is being investigated. Among the misdeeds, the leadership in which, rightly or wrongly, is now ascribed to Courtois and consorts, is the famous theft of the Countess of Flanders' jewels, committed during a Court ball in 1893. Courtois was then in active service, and as he had married a lady's maid of the countess he had consequently every opportunity of knowing how and when to put the design into execution. He has, indeed, been formally accused of instigating the robbery by two men, one of whom refused to participate in it.

THE THEFT OF THE COUNTESS OF FLANDERS' JEWELS.

Courtois, it is said, was seen and recognised while keeping watch outside the palace, and it was this which led to his being accused of complicity afterwards, with the result, however, that that astute gentleman got his accusers sentenced for slander. A man named Restiaux, who has just been accused in connection with this robbery, is said to have gone to a dealer named Thienpont and shown him some of the Countess of Flanders' jewels, notably a tiara which he put on his head, grinning the while, and offered to sell the lot for £2,000. Thienpont, who recognised the articles, was afraid to buy them, and Restiaux afterwards told him that an Englishman had gone to sell them in London.

TEN ARRESTS.

Ten men have already been arrested, and it is significant that all of these are now in good positions, whereas a few years ago they were without exception in a state of abject poverty. Besides these, Mdme. Courtois and other persons are strictly guarded by the police. Fresh inquiries have been instituted about almost every important crime which has taken place in Brussels for years among those of which the Courtois band is more than suspected being:—A robbery of 3500 francs from a dyer's shop (the money was hidden, and only Courtois knew the hiding place); a robbery of 36,000f. from the Blind Asylum; a murder and robbery in the rue de l'Empereur; the murder of an English lady and her two children, who were thrown into a canal in the theft of the Countess of Flanders' jewels; and finally the murder of Mdme. Herry. But fresh cases are being discovered daily, and one which is exciting particular attention is a celebrated case of coining which took place while Courtois was in charge of the Marolles quarter of Brussels. One of the prisoners is the brother of Courtois. He also was a police officer, though not occupying such a high position as his brother, Courtois is a man of very elegant appearance, and his phenomenal strength, added to his brutal character, made him the terror of the Brussels roughs. Several persons are still being looked for in connection with the murder of Mdme. Herry, two of them being professional wrestlers, who are believed to have fled from Belgium. Courtois' lawyers intend to set up the plea of insanity.—"Pall Mall Gazette."

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

JUNE 4.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect, Via Turkey, perfect, Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.
AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.
Communication between Bissao and Bolamo interrupted.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of foreign messages, received at Bombay, from the United Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 4th June, 1896.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	3	11	52 a.m.	27	12
Teheran	4	2	15 p.m.	0	13
Suez	4	2	55 p.m.	0	14

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 4th June, 1896.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	53	--	1
" Karachi	...	12	--	1
" Madras	...	39	--	1

MR. E. W. COLLIN, the District Magistrate of the 24-Parganas, opened an inquiry on Menday at Barrackpur, into the circumstances of the recent riot at Titagarh between the Hindus and Mohamedans during the celebration by the latter of the Bakr-Id festival. Five Mohamedans were charged with rioting and three Hindus, one of whom was discharged, with abducting a cow and thereby exasperating the Mohamedans and inciting the riot. In both cases the prosecution closed their cases, and adjournments were allowed for the convenience of the defence.

ALTHOUGH the official programme of the Soudan expedition is still modestly limited to a cautious advance to Dongola, observers the *Pioneer*, it is taken for granted generally that a far wider scheme is in contemplation and, indeed, preparations are reported on much more ambitious lines. Nobody among the Indian Contingent at Suakin imagines that the mere garrisoning of that uninviting neighbourhood is the sole motive for the despatch of the force with its mountain guns and cavalry. All look forward to an advance in the late autumn across the desert either to co-operate in an attack on Berber or to join hands at that place with the main body of the expedition after breaking the power of Osman Digma, and sweeping the country clear of dervishes between the river and the coast. We hear of the collection of material for a light surface railway to run from Korosko to the Wells of Murat, half way to Abu Hamid, and thence on to the latter town on the Nile. Not only is this the most direct route avoiding the great bend of the river, but boats taken in sections along the proposed line could be put together and launched at Abu Hamid, avoiding the Second, Third and Fourth Cataracts, and the terribly bad bit of river above Kotri, and would then have a long stretch of good water with only the Fifth, not a very formidable Cataract between them and Berber.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, June 4.)

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr R E Candy, I C S, on return from leave to do duty as Political Agent, Jawhar; Mr E L Cappel, I C S, on relief, to do duty as Political Agent, Savanur.

The services of Lieut F DeB Hancock, I S C, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of India in the Foreign Dept for employment as officiating Asst to the Agent to the Governor General at Baroda, in charge of Amreli.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Major G B O'Donnell, to act as First Asst to the Political Agent, Kathiawar, pending further orders; Capt J Davies to act as Second Asst to the Political Agent, Kathiawar, pending further orders; Lieut H G Carnegy to act as Third Asst to the Political Agent, Kathiawar, pending further orders.

It is notified that Mr L P Walsh, C I E, relinquished charge of the office of the Asst Political Agent, Kathiawar, on the 4th May 1896, after office hours.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W Doderet, I C S, on return to duty, to act as Political Agent, Rewa Kantha.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A H A Simcox, I C S, to act as Asst Political Agent for the Surgana State during the absence of Mr R B Stewart, I C S, on leave or until further orders.

Brig-General C A Cuningham and Lieut-Col W B Ferris respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Political Resident, Aden, on the 14th May 1896, after office hours.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Rao Saheb Jhaverbhai Mathurbhai, Mamlatdar, taluka Bulsar in the district of Surat, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the Second Class in that district.

Under Section 32 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, the Governor in Council is pleased to specially empower Rao Saheb Jhaverbhai Mathurbhai to pass sentences of whipping.

H E in Council is further pleased to invest Rao Saheb Jhaverbhai Mathurbhai with power to try cases under the Opium Act I of 1878.

Mr H C Stokes, Ins of Police, Southern Maratha Railway, was in charge of the office of Supt of Police, Southern Maratha Railway, from the 4th to the 10th March 1894, both days inclusive.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr E V Mackay, on return from leave, to be on special duty under the orders of the Inspr-Gen of Police as a temporary measure.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Bahadur Motilal Chunilal, Huzur Depy Colr, Kaira, to be City Magte, Surat.

Mr A R Maidment acting Dist Supdt of Police, Bijapur, is allowed special leave on urgent private affairs for six months from the 29th inst or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of it.

Major A Wapshare, Cantonment Magte, Deesa, is allowed privilege leave for one month from the 1st June 1896 or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of it.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Major J M Candy, 14th Bombay Infy, to act as Cantonment Magte, Dessa, in addition to his Mily duties, during the absence of Major Wapshare or pending further orders.

H E in Council is further pleased to appoint Major Candy under Sec 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the First Class within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Dessa.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Major J M Candy, 14th Bombay Infy, to act as Cantonment Magte, Dessa, in addition to his Mily duties, during the absence of Major Wapshare or pending further orders.

Mr F A M H Vincent relinquished charge on on the 13 May 1896, in the afternoon, of his duties as Asst Supdt of Police (on privilege leave) under the orders of the Commr of Police, Bombay.

Rao Sahab Mahadev Shridhar Kulkarni and Rao Saheb Thakurdas Mathuradas respectively delivered over and received charge of the Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court at Nadiad and of the office of Registrar of the Court of small Causes at Nadiad on the 25th April 1896, in the forenoon.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Bahadur Narhar Gadadhar Phadke, First Class Subordinate Judge under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act for the districts of Ahmednagar and Sholapur, on return from the leave granted to him in Govt Notification No. 3241, dated the 4th May 1896, to be Join First Class Subordinate Judge at Poona, in addition to his own duties, pending further orders, and to invest him under Section 27 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act 1869, with power to hear appeals from such decrees and orders of Subordinate Courts in the Poona Dist as may be referred to him by the Judge of that district.

H E in Council is also pleased to appoint Rao Bahadur Chintaman Narayan Bhat, First Class Subordinate Judge under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act for the districts of Poona and Satara, to be Joint First Class Subordinate Judge at Satara, with effect from the 1st June 1896, in addition to his own duties, pending further orders, and to invest him under Section 27 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869, with power to hear appeals from such decrees and orders of Subordinate Courts in the Satara District as may be referred to him by the Judge of that district.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments of Second Class Subordinate Judges:—Rao Saheb Vasudev Keshav Mavlankar, Joint Subordinate Judge at Sangameshvar, to be Subordinate Judge of Sangameshvar. Rao Saheb Krishnaji Narayan Bhide, Subordinate Judge of Sangameshvar, to be Joint Subordinate Judge at Malan.

Mr W G Clabby, Dist Supdt of Police, Ahmedabad, passed on the 15th April 1896 an examination in Law according to the test prescribed in Rule VI (b) of the Rules relating to Police officers of the 22nd Dec 1894.

Rao Saheb Krishnaji Narayan Patankar relinquished charge of the Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court at Rajapur in the Ratnagiri District on the 9th May 1896, in the afternoon.

Rao Saheb Pandurang Shridhar Pathak and Rao Saheb Atmaram Jamnadas Kaji respectively delivered over and received charge of the Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court at Jambusar in the Surat District on the 16th May 1896, in the forenoon.

Rao Saheb Vinayak Krishna Sowtni assumed charge a Joint Second Class Subordinate Judge at Islampur in the Satara District on the 29th May 1896, in the forenoon.

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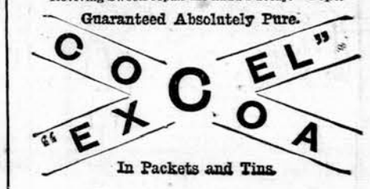

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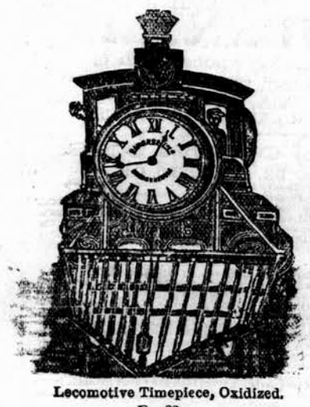

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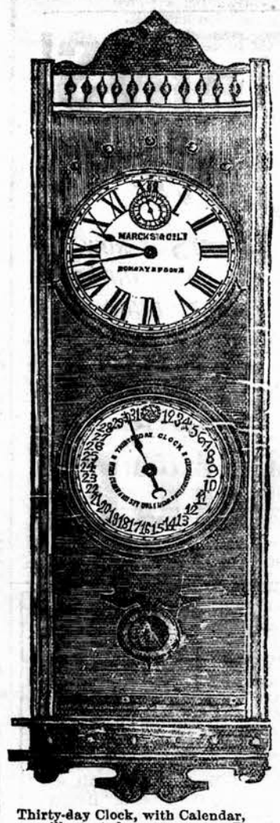

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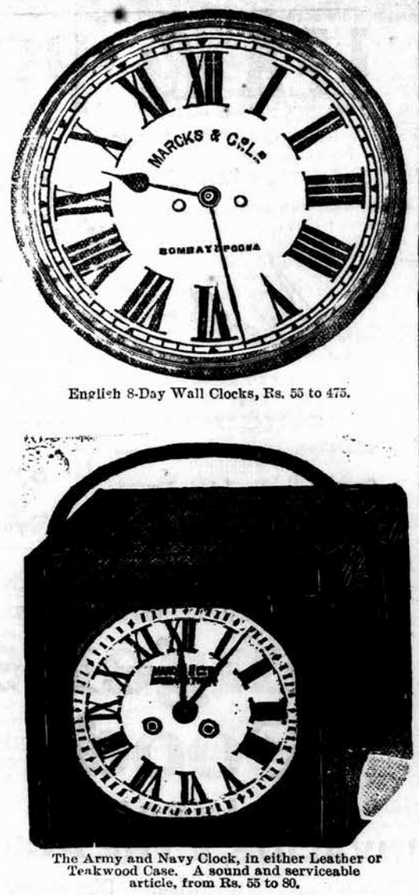

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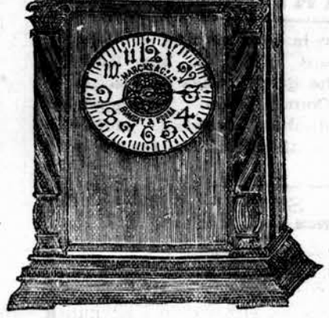

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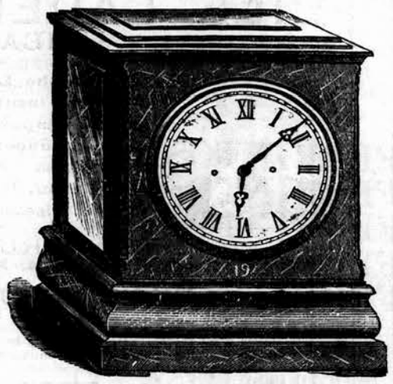

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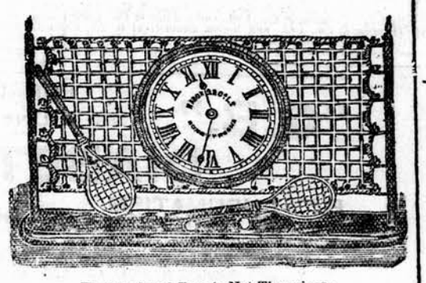

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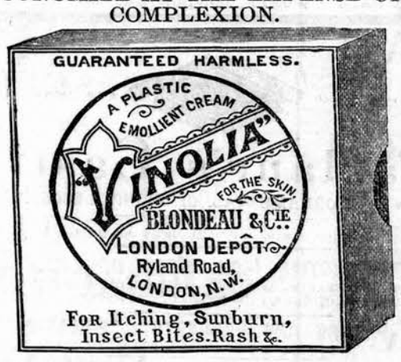

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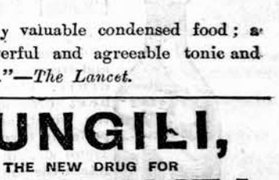

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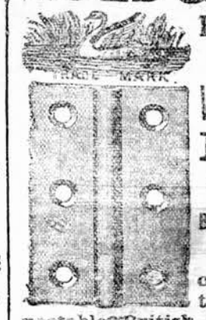

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